

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As we have all seen, Hurricane Ida had devastating effects to the Gulf Coast, Mid-Atlantic states, and states in the Northeast. Totowa was not spared from this historic storm. We received approximately 7 inches of rain, mostly heavy, from Wednesday night into early Thursday.

Our first responders worked tirelessly through the night to help people trapped in their cars or houses and bring them to safety and provide treatment where needed. Our Department of Public Works also worked through the night to keep our pumps working and try to keep up with all of the rain we received. Fortunately, at this point, we are not aware of any serious injuries that were sustained due to the storm in Totowa. However, we are aware that there was property damage to a number of homes in our town. We suggest that anyone who has incurred property damage take pictures with a camera or your cell phone to document the damage to your home and personal effects for insurance purposes.

On Thursday we began a clean-up of our streets and town. We have asked our trash haulers for dumpsters to be placed on certain streets within Totowa. You can use these dumpsters for storm damaged items that you wish to discard. If you cannot locate a dumpster near your home, you can place damaged materials at the curb for pick up but it may take a few days for the larger items to be picked up.

Please be patient as we work to clean up our town.

Thank you'