

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro with an update from my previous message regarding Hurricane Ida.

The Passaic River in Totowa crested earlier on Saturday. There has been no additional flooding reported in Totowa which means that the check gates that were installed several years ago are functioning as designed to prevent the river from backing up into our sewer system.

We have received clean up kits from the Red Cross that are to be used to clean and sanitize basements or homes that have been flooded. We distributed kits around town to home owners today. If you did not receive one, there are still some available at the Fire Rescue Building on Mitchell Ave. In addition, the Totowa Library has cleaning supplies and other essentials for those in need and affected by the flood. The supplies are located in the Care Cabinet outside the lower level of the Library. The Library is also accepting donations of cleaning supplies, nonperishable food, and other essentials or monetary donations for those who wish to donate to residents affected by the storm.

We were able to obtain several dumpsters from our trash hauler but not as many as we would have liked as there are requests from many towns for dumpsters and a limited supply. We realize that these dumpsters are filling quickly. We are waiting for the dumpsters to be emptied by our trash hauler. You can leave any flood damaged goods or belongings at the curb 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'