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As our Island hopes to put a bookend on the hurricane season and clean up the remnants of Fiona, we need to remain prepared for what may come our way over the coming months.

This weekend, weather analysts are predicting that we may experience what remains of Post Tropical Storm Nicole, a storm that is currently making its way up the North American East Coast.

As with all potential storms, our Provincial Emergency Measures Organization is closely monitoring the current track and is engaging with partners to prepare for any necessary responses. They are informing Islanders that given the anticipated winds and current weakened trees near power lines, we should all be prepared for potential power outages. All Islanders are strongly encouraged to take the necessary and proactive steps to secure any loose household items or debris that may be remaining as a result of Fiona.

The weather arriving this weekend is thankfully not anticipated to be anything close to what we experienced through Fiona, but as we have all learned and experienced, it is important to be prepared. All employees that are capable of working from home, or remote work, are encouraged to bring their laptop and/or other materials home over the weekend in preparation for next week, if needed. If you have any questions, please follow up with your supervisor or HR manager.

Please remember to keep a close watch for reliable information through sources such as local media, [PEI Public Safety](#) and the provincial [Storm Response](#) page for regular updates on things such as weather forecasts, supports, openings and closures, and general operational updates.

I certainly recognize that harsh weather is difficult for everyone after Fiona, please remember that your [Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP) is available to you and/or your immediate family members for confidential and professional counseling and resources at (902) 368-5738, (toll-free) 1-800-239-3826, or eap@gov.pe.ca. For more information, please see: <https://psc.gpei.ca/employee-assistance-program>. There are also resources available at the [You Matter](#) website to support your mental health and well-being and information on how to access further assistance.

Thank you, and have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Tanya