

ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Storm & Shelter Advisory

Last night's ice storm has hit the southern areas of Ulster County very hard. Numerous trees and wires are down. Some residents may be without power for an extended period. In order to provide a safe, warm place for residents to go, Ulster County, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, SUNY New Paltz and the Kerhonkson Fire Department will be opening two shelters beginning at 10 AM. The first will be at the Health and Wellness Center at SUNY New Paltz, the second will be at the Kerhonkson Firehouse on Main Street in Kerhonkson. Residents that are dealing with no power, regardless of your community of residence, may take advantage of these facilities.

All residents are reminded to avoid any and all downed wires. It is difficult to differentiate between phone wires, cablevision wires and electric wires – please stay away from all downed wires. These lines may appear de-energized, but in fact they may still be carrying electricity.

Additionally, many streams and creeks are at bank full conditions. Some will overflow their banks and cause minor flooding. Do not drive through flooded roadways.