

Con Edison Crews Working to Restore Customers After Storm

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NEW YORK, Sept. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Con Edison crews are working to restore electricity to approximately 40,000 customers affected by Saturday's winds, remnants of Tropical Storm Ernesto. More than 52,000 customers already have had their electrical power restored.

After winds battered electrical lines, electric service at one time or another was interrupted to more than 90,000 customers in New York City and Westchester County.

Safety is Con Edison's No. 1 priority as its crews restore electrical power to customers. As the storm continues to damage electrical equipment, the company continues to assess the storm's impact on customers.

Con Edison also warns people to avoid any downed electrical wires, to treat any wires as live and immediately report any downed wires to the company by calling 1-800-75-CONED. Customers without electrical power also should call that number.

Additional company crews, plus crews from Rhode Island and Albany, are assigned to Westchester County where more than 40,000 customers are still without power. The most damage is in the communities of Greenburgh, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, North Castle, Ossining, Port Chester, Rye, Scarsdale, Tarrytown, White Plains and Yonkers. When damage is assessed and scores of closed streets from downed trees are reopened, Con Edison will have an estimation of when all customers can be restored.

Con Edison will distribute ice at the following locations, starting at 1 p.m.: Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers; New Rochelle Fire Department, City Hall Parking Lot, 515 North Ave., New Rochelle; Bloomingdale's parking lot, White Plains; Rye Playland and at the Riverdale Shopping Center, Riverdale Avenue and West 258th Street.

Con Edison also is working to restore the approximately 900 customers in the Bronx without power from the storm. Approximately 750 on Staten Island, 240 in Queens and 25 in Brooklyn were without power on Sunday morning.

Throughout the day, Con Edison is working closely with New York City's Office of Emergency Management and Westchester County emergency management officials.

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