



Reporting local observations of flooding and erosion

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Need for local observations & reports



- **Emergency response & recovery:** identify impacted areas, direct resources & baseline for formal damage assessments with FEMA
- **Weather warnings & forecasts:** verify impacts & fine tune forecast procedures
- **Planning & project review:** support local decisions
- **Scientific Studies:** ground-truth inundation & erosion models

NWS Coastal Flooding Definitions

- **MINOR (Coastal Flood Advisory)** – Flooding of **most vulnerable shore roads and/or basements** due to height of storm tide or wave splashover. Majority of roads remain passable with only isolated closures. No significant threat to life and any impact on property is minimal.
- **MODERATE (Coastal Flood Warning)** – Widespread flooding of vulnerable shore roads and/or basements due to height of storm tide and/or wave action. Numerous road closures are needed. Lives may be at risk for people who put themselves in harm's way. Isolated damage of **very vulnerable structures such as docks or house decks/porches** near the high tide line may be observed.
- **MAJOR (Coastal Flood Warning + Major, Severe, Destructive, etc.)** – Coastal flooding severe enough to cause *at least* scattered structural damage along with widespread flooding of vulnerable shore roads and/or basements. Some **vulnerable homes or businesses are severely damaged or destroyed**. Numerous roads are impassable, some with washouts severe enough to be life threatening if one attempted to cross on foot or by vehicle. Some neighborhoods are isolated. Evacuation of some neighborhoods is necessary.

A person wearing a dark hooded jacket and pants is walking away from the camera down a street. The street is very foggy or misty, obscuring the background. To the left, a multi-story brick building with several windows is visible through the haze. The overall atmosphere is somber and mysterious.

Report only when safe

Washed Out Road



Docks damaged



Decks damaged





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Coastal Storm Impacts



King Tide

Capturing the Highest Tides



Coastal Resilience

Monitoring Nature-Based Shore
Stabilization



Beach Profile BETA

BETA beach profile reporting tool



Name of Area for this Report

(e.g., "North end of Harbor Beach")



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Impacts to Roads

☐ No

Impacts to Marinas and
Harbors

☐ No

Impacts to Buildings

☐ No

Hazardous Materials
Present

☐ No

Impacts to
Beach/Shoreline

☐ No

Impacts to Coastal
Structures

☐ No

Impacts to Natural
Resources

☐ No

Current Response



StormReporter

Impacts to Natural
Resources

Yes ☒

- ☐ Damaged sand fencing
- ☐ Eroded beach
- ☐ Eroded dune
- ☐ Eroded bank/bluff
- ☐ Overwashed beach/dune
- ☐ Breached barrier beach

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Nantucket, MA

⚠️ Impacts Reported



01/03/2014 | 2:00 pm



Tidal Overview

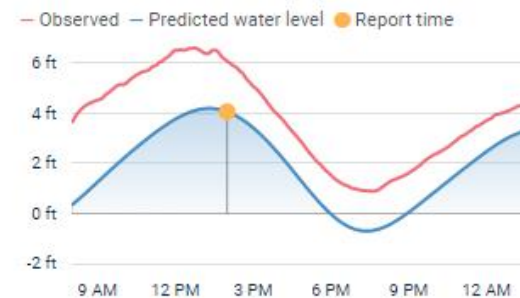
1 hours 18 minutes after high tide

Data from **NANTUCKET** (3.7 miles away)

Water Level (at time of report): 2:00 pm, 6.2'

High Tide (Predicted): 1:19 pm, 4.2'

High Tide (Observed): 12:42 pm, 6.6'



[\(Click here for full tide details from NOAA Tides & Currents\)](#)

Weather Overview

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