



DARE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Prepare for Deteriorating Conditions Throughout the Weekend

Conditions on the Outer Banks are expected to deteriorate throughout the remainder of the weekend. Extremely heavy rains, high coastal water levels, storm surge and flooding will result in dangerous and life threatening conditions. Everyone is advised to stay indoors and travel to the area should be postponed until conditions improve.

The National Weather Service predicts rainfall to intensify throughout the night and combine with tropical storm force winds that will continue through Sunday. In the event winds exceed 50 mph, ambulance crews may not be able to respond to calls for help.

The forecast indicates that soundside flooding of up to 4 feet above ground is possible for areas prone to flooding, primarily on Hatteras Island. The combination of storm surge and flooding from the ocean and the sounds will combine with heavy rains to cause conditions that should be taken seriously.

As conditions deteriorate, road closures and travel restrictions are anticipated in Dare County, particularly for portions of Highway 12 on Hatteras Island.

Dare County Emergency Management urges everyone to closely monitor the storm because any changes in the forecast can impact local conditions. Due to the high threat of rip currents and rough seas, everyone is advised to stay out of the ocean.

National Park Service

The National Park Service reports that all visitor services and facilities at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial remain closed until further notice.

Town of Duck

The Town of Duck asks that residents and visitors **keep trash and recycling bins under, against or inside your house to prevent added debris on roadways (DO NOT LEAVE BINS ON CURB).**

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Town of Southern Shores

Citizens are encouraged to stay indoors, and extreme caution is urged if driving is absolutely necessary. Please avoid any areas on streets and highways that have a history of flooding. Be aware of the potential for sound-side flooding and ocean over-wash. Be prepared for possible power outages. In the case of high winds, please do not go outside and walk under tree canopies until winds subside and the storm has completely passed.

In the aftermath of any storm which requires the removal of damaged or threatening trees from a private yard, before engaging any tree removal contractor, please (1) ask for company contact information and confirm references, (2) ask for evidence of insurance, and (3) get several quotes from different companies. Please be wary of any "hard sale" or pressure techniques.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative is ready to respond if Hurricane Matthew causes power outages on Hatteras Island this weekend. CHEC crews stand ready with prepared equipment and vehicles. The Cooperative has also staged a bucket truck and line crew in Hatteras Village in case Highway 12 becomes impassable. Hatteras Island residents and visitors should report all power outages to the Cooperative's outage reporting number, 866-511-9862. If necessary, updates will be posted to CHEC's Facebook and Twitter pages and broadcast on Radio Hatteras, 99.9 FM and 101.5 FM.

Dominion North Carolina Power

Dominion is prepared for a potentially busy weekend and extra crews are working through the weekend. Power Outages should be reported to Dom.com or 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357)

Helpful Contact Information

Dominion North Carolina Power 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or Dom.com
Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative 1-866-511-9862
Tideland Electric 1-800-637-1079 or 252-943-3046

For Additional Information –

To receive email updates directly from Dare County Emergency Management, register online at www.darecountyem.com and follow @DareCountyEM on Twitter.

To stay up to date with the latest weather and traffic conditions in Dare County, download the free Ready NC App at www.readync.org.

For information regarding the status of roads and bridges, visit tims.ncdot.gov/tims or call 877-368-4968. For the most up to date information regarding the status of NC12, visit www.facebook.com/NC DOT NC12.

View the latest watches, warnings and advisories from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov/mhx.

Residents and visitors can contact Dare County Emergency Management by calling 252.475.5655 or visiting www.darenc.com for updated information.

The next Bulletin will be issued as needed, no later than Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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