



PRESS RELEASE HURRICANE FLORENCE

Hurricane Florence is currently in the Atlantic and tracking models have indicated that it will definitely affect Eastern North Carolina beginning as early as Thursday evening and extending through the weekend and beyond. Farmville Town emergency response staff has been monitoring the storm for several days now and is coordinating our preparation efforts with State and Pitt County emergency management personnel to ensure an appropriate response. In the meantime, Town of Farmville personnel have been readying vehicles, equipment, and supplies for storm response; cleaning streets and catch basins; clearing ditches of leaves and other debris to minimize potential flooding; as well as providing for increased employee staffing levels as required. The Town of Farmville is prepared to protect our citizens and businesses against the threat of this storm but residents need to do their part as well.

Residents should prepare for the storm by having first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, bottled water, medications, and any important papers such as personal identification and property insurance information in a safe and accessible place. Residents should secure or stow away any outdoor furniture and loose items to minimize property damage due to flying debris. All residents are urged to monitor local TV, radio, and Town of Farmville social media accounts for up to the minute storm information and take every precaution to be ready for storm effects.

Please note that should Farmville experience significant storm effects, normal Town government operations may be suspended and Town buildings could be temporarily closed to the public to permit Town staff to be diverted to emergency storm response activities. However, if this occurs, the Town will announce the opening of an emergency operations center and special non-emergency telephone number where residents may report power outages, roads blocked due to downed trees, and other non-emergency service needs. All emergency calls should still be reported by dialing 911.

Thank you for your patience as we prepare for this serious storm event.

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