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Public Safety Message

Please use caution as the impacts of Hurricane Florence are continuing to be felt and reported throughout the Carteret County. Citizens are advised that it is NOT safe to leave your shelter and go outside. There are many trees, power lines and other debris in the streets. Everyone is urged to stay in place. There is a tornado watch in the area until at least 5:00 p.m. today, Friday, September 14, 2018.

Power lines may still be live, even if they are down. Every downed power line is potentially energized and dangerous until utility crews arrive on the scene to ensure power has been cut off. Downed power lines, stray wires, and debris in contact with them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Same for power lines that may be on your vehicle. Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines.

Please also be aware of flooded roads and potential flooding of property as storm surge is still a high threat.

A substantial portion of the County is without power. If you are running a generator, please make sure it is located outside at least 20 feet from doors, windows and vents. Citizens are advised to take caution if and when using a generator. If you must use a grill, it should be used only outside. Do NOT bring the grill inside due to the risk of carbon monoxide. Those experiencing symptoms of dizziness, nausea, headaches, confusion or fainting may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning. Get fresh air immediately.

If citizens have an emergency, please call 911. For general information, citizens can call 252-222-5841.

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