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Hurricane Dorian Monitoring and Preparation
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Carteret County N.C. – The Carteret County Emergency Management Office is closely monitoring Hurricane Dorian. The area could possibly experience high winds, rainfall, storm surge and flooding by mid-week. Although the storm is possibly days away from impacting us, the Emergency Management Office urges residents to prepare for possible effects from Hurricane Dorian and advises that residents follow the listed preparations below.

Updates on Storm: Citizens should listen to the local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service, monitor the National Hurricane Center (NHC) website. Carteret County Emergency Management Office will post updates to the Carteret County website at www.carteretcountync.gov and Carteret County Emergency Services Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CCES7/>. If you haven't already, please sign up for CodeRed on the Carteret County website at <http://carteretcountync.gov/525/Emergency-Notification>

Fuel Cars, Obtain Cash, and Secure Important Documents: Residents should fill their cars with gasoline and have enough cash on hand to last a week. During power-outages, gas stations and ATM machines do not work. Now is also the time to test generators and batteries to assure they are working properly.

Prepare an emergency kit: Please prepare an emergency kit for the hurricane. This kit should contain nonperishable food, water (one gallon/person/day) and clothing to sustain each family member for three days. It might be necessary for you to use the kit at your evacuation location. The kit should also include a flashlight, radio and spare batteries. Blankets, rain gear and appropriate footwear also are recommended. Special considerations must be made for the young or disabled. Remember to include baby food and medications as appropriate. In addition, the kit should include photo copies of important family documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies in a waterproof container in case of flooding. A checklist of supplies is available online at www.readync.org

Gather Supplies: This may be the final opportunity to gather supplies from local grocery stores. All residents should have an emergency kit with bottled water, precooked, nonperishable foods, flash lights, a battery-powered radio and paper goods. It is also important to keep ice on hand in case the power fails. Candles are not recommended for safety reasons.

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