



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

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### Hurricane Florence

#### Press Release #1

September 11, 2018

The attached information is a combined effort from Rockingham County Emergency Services and the municipalities of Eden, Reidsville, Stoneville, Madison, Mayodan, Wentworth and their respective governing bodies:

In preparation for Hurricane Florence, Rockingham County will activate its State of Emergency effective Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 8:00a.m.

The State of Emergency specifically states that citizens are **PROHIBITED** from entering **ANY** areas restricted by physical barriers established by the NC Department of Transportation, or any other Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Fire Marshal, Emergency Medical Services, Park Ranger, Forestry Officer or any other Emergency Management Officer having jurisdiction in Rockingham County or the State of North Carolina.

*NC General Statute 136-26 “Any person who drives into, breaks down, removes, injures, or destroys any barrier is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.”*

The State of Emergency further states *“All access is prohibited from rivers, streams or tributaries except for emergency personnel performing emergency rescue operations.”*

Other respective jurisdictions will activate their State of Emergency and appropriate restrictions prior to the impacts of the storm.

The Rockingham County Emergency Operation Center will activate Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 8:00a.m.

There will be an Emergency Shelter opened at Rockingham County Middle School, 182 High School Rd., Reidsville, NC 27320, Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 4:00p.m.

#### Shelter Rules:

- **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHELTER OR ON THE SHELTER GROUNDS!**
- **NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF ANY TYPE WILL BE TOLERATED.**



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- **NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SHELTER OR ON THE SHELTER GROUNDS!**
- **THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL PROVIDE SECURITY AT THE SHELTER FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHELTER ACTIVATION.**
- **WHEN THE SHELTER IS DEACTIVED, ALL SHELTEREES WILL LEAVE THE PREMISES OR YOU WILL BE TRESPASSING.**
- **THE SHELTER IS A LIFE SAVING AND LIFE PRESERVING EFFORT PROVIDED TO CITIZENS AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.**

### Items to Bring to the Emergency Shelter:

- **Toiletry items (tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, deodorant, etc.)**
- **Towel and bath cloth**
- **Pillow Blanket and Sleeping Bag**
- **ID**
- **Change of Clothes**
- **Your PERSONAL prescription medications (It is a felony to possess prescription medications not prescribed to you)**

The Animal Shelter will be accepting **DOMESTIC PETS**. The Animal Shelter is located at 250 Cherokee Camp Rd., Reidsville, NC 27320. *This location is 1.4 miles west of the human shelter. Farm animals, reptiles, birds and other Non-Domestic Pets will not be accepted at the animal shelter.*

Citizens that own livestock need to make preparations for the safety and security of the livestock. It is suggested that livestock be relocated to higher ground.

Sandbags are available while supplies last. These are located at the Rockingham County Maintenance Warehouse located at the end of Cherokee Camp Rd. Travel the circular drive to the rear of the building at the loading dock. Some bags are pre-packaged and can be taken. If there are no pre-packaged bags, citizens can fill their bags and take them. We ask that they only take the number of bags needed. Please be considerate of other citizens who need the resources.

Rockingham Rescue Mission is accepting monetary donations at 3692 NC Highway 14, Reidsville, NC 27320 and online at [rockinghamrescue.org](http://rockinghamrescue.org).



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Other items needed at the Rescue Mission are:

- Water
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies (Clorox, Wipes, etc.)
- **NO CLOTHES OR BLANKETS AT THIS TIME**

We urge all citizens to monitor local forecasts and storm predictions as Hurricane Florence is a very powerful storm capable of producing massive damage to all in its path.

Currently, the hurricane is 409 miles wide. North Carolina is approximately 544 miles from Manteo to Murphy and 180 miles from South Carolina to Virginia. When the eyewall makes landfall on the NC Coast, the impacts of Hurricane Florence will be felt throughout Rockingham County. Even a track well into South Carolina will greatly impact our area with a storm that is 409 miles wide.

Stay out of flooded waters for these waters are contaminated with many sources of bacteria.

Flowing water can easily sweep people, cars, equipment, etc. away.

Please remember **“Turn Around Don’t Drown”**