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### **Craven County Government Preparing for Hurricane Matthew**

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County Government is closely monitoring Hurricane Matthew as it approaches the North Carolina Coast. Craven County Emergency Management will continue to follow established Emergency Operations Plans and Procedures which began earlier this week. Citizens are urged to make preparations for the potential of high winds, heavy rain, power outages and localized flooding.

Citizens are encouraged to check their Emergency Supply Kits and Pet Disaster Supply Kits for needed supplies during a hurricane. Prepare by having an adequate supply of flashlights, batteries, bottled water, non-perishable foods and medicines. Citizens using home oxygen are encouraged to have an alternative oxygen supply in the event of prolonged power outages.

Mariners and boat owners need to make preparations for high winds to secure all vessels and/or relocation of boats affected by the East Front Street Bridge and Rail Road Bridges before notice of closure to boat traffic is issued. Citizens living in low-lying areas prone to flooding are also encouraged to begin making preparations for flooding and possible voluntary evacuation.

Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at [www.cravencountync.gov](http://www.cravencountync.gov), on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Emergency Management Twitter account [@cravencountyem](https://twitter.com/cravencountyem). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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