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Craven County Develops Road Map to Recovery

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County Emergency Management has added recovery to its efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. A Central Receiving and Distribution Point has been established at the Amital Warehouse and Storage facility located in the Craven County industrial area near B/S/H Home Appliances Corporation at 197 Bosch Boulevard. Amital has volunteered their facility and manpower to assist Craven County Emergency Management with the receipt and distribution of donations. The Central Receiving and Distribution Point began operations at 12:00 p.m. today.

The next stage of the disaster recovery process will be for Craven County Emergency Management to establish a Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) in a location near the affected population to provide a one-stop location for citizens to apply for disaster assistance and other benefits available to them through support agencies. Arrangements are being made to establish a DAC but it has not been determined when the DAC will be open.

Several resources are currently available for those impacted by Hurricane Matthew and related flooding. The American Red Cross Mobile Feeding station is providing two meals a day at locations in Vanceboro. The Farm Life Elementary Emergency Shelter also remains open for citizens in flooded areas with nowhere else to go. A map of flooded areas and road closures in Craven County is available on the county website at www.cravencountync.gov to help citizens plan travel routes. More than 100 Craven County employees and community volunteers are providing assistance to the affected communities.

Craven County Emergency Management has received an outpouring of citizens and groups requesting to make donations to assist those impacted by Hurricane Matthew and related flooding. Citizens and groups wishing to drop off donations can deliver items to Religious Community Services (RCS), the Salvation Army and Vanceboro Christian Help.

RCS is located at 919 George Street in New Bern. RCS will be accepting personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items. To schedule a donation drop off or to request assistance from RCS call 252-633-2767.

Salvation Army is located at 1402 Rhem Avenue in New Bern. The Salvation Army will be accepting donations of clothing, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items. To schedule a donation drop off or to request assistance from the Salvation Army call 252-637-2277.

Vanceboro Christian Help is located at 411 White Street in Vanceboro. Vanceboro Christian Help will be accepting donations of clothing, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items. To schedule a donation drop off or to request assistance from Vanceboro Christian Help call 252-244-1141.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has not activated a disaster Food and Nutrition Services Program at this time. The U.S. Department of Agriculture requires states to use the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program first in an effort to meet the needs of citizens impacted by the disaster. A Presidential Individual Assistance Declaration is required before a disaster program can be considered for recipients not currently receiving Food and Nutrition Services. Craven County has not received the Individual Assistance Declaration. Anyone not currently receiving Food and Nutrition Services may apply at any time with their local county department of social services office or apply using the online application at <https://epass.nc.gov/>. Anyone currently receiving Food and Nutrition Services who experienced a food loss must contact their local county department of social services within 10 calendar days from the date of the food loss and request a replacement of benefits. Craven County citizens can call the Craven County Department of Social Services at 252-636-4900 or walk-ins are accepted at 2818 Neuse Boulevard in New Bern.

For more information and resource referrals call the Craven County Emergency Operations Center at 252-636-6608.

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