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Extreme River Flooding Expected in Areas of Craven County

NEW BERN, N.C. – Extreme river flooding is expected in the Neuse and Trent River basins in Craven County over the next several days. Forecasters are making reference to water levels equaling or exceeding those experienced in Hurricane Floyd due to significant rainfall upstream 0 areas west of Craven County. Rivers are expected to rise quickly in the next 24 to 36 hours and are expected to crest on Thursday or Friday.

Areas at high risk for flood potential are certain portions of Vanceboro, Cove City, areas north of Weyerhaeuser and River Road, Neuse River Basin, Swift Creek Basin, Core Creek area, Trent River and River Bend.

Individuals in areas at risk of flooding should prepare for water levels experienced during Hurricane Floyd and be prepared to relocate quickly. Past flood events have shown areas not directly impacted by flood waters may be isolated and travel may be restricted.

Four Emergency Shelters are open in Craven County for citizens living in low lying areas prone to flooding who have nowhere else to relocate to:

1. Havelock High School (101 Webb Blvd, Havelock)
2. Brinson Elementary (319 Neuse Forest Ave, New Bern)
3. Benn Quinn Elementary (4275 Martin Luther King Blvd, New Bern) *Pet Friendly*
4. Farm Life Elementary (2000 Farm Life Ave, Vanceboro)

Citizens should bring their own pillows, blankets, medication, hygiene items, special foods, baby formula (if needed) and any other special needs items. Pets will be accepted at the Ben Quinn Elementary emergency shelter only. No other emergency shelters will allow pets. This shelter accepts cats and dogs only, no exotic pets. All pets must be crated. Pet owners need to bring bowls for food and water, food and medications for their pets, and rabies certificates (not the tags). Pet owners will be expected to remain at the shelter with their pet and are responsible for caring for and cleaning up after their pet. Citizens are prohibited from bringing weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, perishable food items, radios or televisions into an emergency shelter. Small hand-held devices can be used with headphones.

For more information on emergency shelters call Craven County Emergency Management at 252-636-6608. Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven

County website at 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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