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Craven County Government Issues State of Emergency

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County has issued a State of Emergency for Hurricane Arthur effective 4:00pm today, July 3, 2014. Weather forecasts indicate that the eastern section of Craven County, including the areas of Harlowe and Havelock, will begin experiencing hazardous weather conditions as early as 5:00pm this evening. All of Craven County will experience hazardous weather conditions throughout the evening until the early morning hours of Friday July 4, 2014.

Craven County is prepared to open four emergency shelters Thursday evening at 6:00pm. The shelter locations include:

- Ben D. Quinn Elementary School located at 4275 M. L. King, Jr. Blvd. (Pet Friendly)
- Brinson Memorial Elementary School located at 319 Neuse Forest Ave.
- Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary located at 2000 Farm Life Ave.
- Havelock High School located at 101 Webb Blvd.

Citizens should bring their own pillows, blankets, medication and any other special needs.

Residents who decide to remain in their homes are encouraged to make certain they have Disaster Preparedness kits containing supplies of non-perishable food, water, medicine, cash, flashlight batteries and portable radios for this event. Be advised that emergency personnel may not be able to respond to distress calls during critical stages of the storm.

Craven County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be open regular hours 7:00am to 6:30pm on Saturday July 5, 2014 and 1:00pm to 6:30pm on Sunday July 6, 2014.

Craven County Government will post all important updates and media advisories on the Craven County website at www.cravencountync.gov.

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