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## **Craven County Closely Monitoring Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen**

Craven County, N.C. – Craven County Government is closely monitoring Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen as it approaches eastern North Carolina. Craven County Emergency Management is following established Emergency Operations Plans and Procedures and they are working closely with local partners to understand potential impacts of this storm. There is a potential for tornadoes, flash flooding and two to five feet of storm surge and inundation.

All citizens are encouraged to closely monitor the conditions and prepare for the potential of tropical storm force winds that could result in scattered tree damages, flooding rain that can produce flash flooding, power outages, and localized flooding. As with any storm, high winds, heavy rain, and flooding have the potential for life-threatening conditions and widespread damage. Those living in low-lying areas prone to significant flooding based upon past tropical events or hurricanes are encouraged to begin preparing for flooding and relocating vehicles to higher ground. Mariners and boat owners are encouraged to ensure vessels are secured.

“Craven County has seasoned professionals standing ready to respond to the impacts of Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen. As conditions change, we will issue additional updates as needed,” stated Jack B. Veit, III, Craven County Manager.

Craven County residents should have a plan and be prepared for this storm and the remainder of hurricane season. Citizens are encouraged to check their Emergency Supply Kits and Pet Disaster Supply Kits for needed supplies necessary during tropical storms and hurricanes. Also, 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.

Residents are encouraged to know a safe place to shelter and to have several ways to receive weather alerts such as National Weather Service cell phone alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, or follow the @NWS Twitter alerts. Individuals planning to travel should use extreme caution and good judgment when planning travel routes and should never drive through standing or rushing water. Remember, “Turn Around Don’t Drown®.”

All citizens, law enforcement, and emergency response personnel are encouraged to cooperate with all safety measures if implemented and abide by any restrictions that may become necessary to overcome any potential emergency.

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 Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). 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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