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Craven County Extends State of Emergency Through Friday

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County has extended its State of Emergency until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018. A countywide Mandatory Evacuation remains in place until further notice. Duke Energy reports 13,402 customers are without power, as of 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Power line repairs are being limited by current flooding issues. Multiple roads and highways have been closed due to flood waters. The availability of supplies is limited.

While our community has worked to begin the transition from response to recovery, we will likely have to transition back to response efforts.

Extreme River flooding is expected in the Neuse and Trent River basins in Craven County over the next several days as a result of rainfall generated by Hurricane Florence. Forecasters are estimating the rivers are expected to rise quickly and could crest on Monday.

Residents are asked to heed all warnings given by officials, as this is a very serious and severe situation with extreme life threatening impacts.

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 [@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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