

Emergency Shelter Information

In the event of a major storm or possible flooding, please heed evacuation orders from local officials. If evacuation becomes necessary, please seek shelter in local evacuation shelters.

If a **HURRICANE WATCH** is issued for Pender County, a hurricane is threatening, but not necessarily imminent. Fuel and service family vehicles, and continue to monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for bulletins. A hurricane watch means it is possible that the watch area may have hurricane conditions in 24 to 48 hours.

If a **HURRICANE WARNING** is issued for Pender County, it is very possible that the county could experience hurricane conditions in less than 24 hours. Listen constantly to radio and TV and begin preparing for the storm. If landfall is expected within 24 hour, Emergency Departments will notify residents and visitors of an evacuation.

1. Prepare for high winds
2. Anchor objects outside
3. Protect windows and other glass
4. Boats on trailers: move them close to house and fill with water.
5. Boats in water: check mooring lines and leave them.
6. Take valuables and personal papers with you.
7. If you have to evacuate leave as soon as possible. Driving conditions may deteriorate quickly.

If you evacuate to a public shelter, please bring:

1. Personal ID
2. Insurance policies and property inventories.
3. Special medical information

Primary Shelters

Topsail High School

245 N St Johns Church Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443
(910) 270-2755

Dixon High School

160 Dixon School Rd
Holly Ridge, NC 28445
(910) 347-2958

Secondary Shelters

Local Churches

Depends: Check with Town Hall before storm

If you cannot leave the area or stay with a friend and must go to a public shelter, take: blankets or sleeping bags, flashlights, special dietary foods, infant needs and lightweight folding chairs. Register every person arriving with you at the shelter. Do Not Take Pets, Alcohol or Weapons of any kind to the shelters. These items will not be allowed in the shelters for any reason. These shelters do not have the comforts of home, but are available to anyone in the county.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Evacuation orders from each town provide an organized and coordinated exit from the island. As a guideline, the towns issue evacuation orders approximately 24 hours before the expected landfall. You can learn of an evacuation order by listening to local media, watching the local cable access channel for the evacuation message, or listen for emergency vehicles announcing and sounding sirens after a State of Emergency is declared and an order to evacuate is issued.

Main evacuation routes leaving Pender County (Highways 210, 50 and 53) flood quickly during heavy rains. Leave the Island before the evacuation order to avoid increased traffic.

When evacuating take supplies such as non-perishable foods, water, medication, first aid kit, candles, matches, flashlights, radio, extra batteries, can opener, blankets, pillows, driver's license, insurance papers, property inventory, cash or checks (ATM machines and banks in the area could be shut down for days or weeks), reading material, and plenty of patience.



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