

Craven County Issues State Of Emergency

Craven County will issue a Proclamation for a State of Emergency for Hurricane Earl today at noon.

Craven County residents should make final preparations for impact from Earl before 4 P.M. today.

Craven County is asking for a voluntary evacuation for citizens that live in areas subject to flooding from storm surge up to 5 feet and for those residents that feel their home is not safe for Hurricane Earl Conditions.

The National Weather Service has indicated a potential storm surge up to 5 feet with Earl beginning early tonight and remaining until Friday after Earl passes the NC Coast. This surge would impact residents along the Neuse and Trent River and Creeks along the rivers. Special interest is in the Harlowe Community where residents could become isolated due to flooded roadways.

Craven County will open Hurricane Evacuation Shelters at 4:00 P.M. in the Following Locations:

- 1- Havelock High School, 101 Webb Blvd. Havelock
- 2- Brinson Elementary School, Old Cherry Point Road, New Bern (only Pet Friendly Shelter)
- 3- Ben Quinn Elementary School, US 17 South New Bern
- 4- Farm Life Elementary, Farm Life Avenue, Vanceboro

NOTE: Pets must meet Shelter requirements to enter the shelter. Call 252-626-3899 for information on pet requirements.

Those residents who decide to shelter in place 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.