

Reidsville Police Department

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WEATHER UPDATE

The path of Hurricane Irma has changed over the last several days. Be mindful, it is a forecast of its actual impact. Consequently, this provides an opportunity to check disaster supplies (e.g., food, water, flashlights, batteries, etc.), bring inside or secure items that can be picked up by strong winds (e.g., lawn furniture, bikes, etc.), ensure the gas tank of vehicles are at full capacity, and learn about emergency support contacts for your area agencies. All departments for the City of Reidsville are prepared and ready in the event the city encounters any effects of Hurricane Irma.

As of today, here is the latest information about Hurricane Irma and our area:

 Currently Hurricane Irma will track west of NC, but this is ONLY a prediction and forecast and track changes could occur.



- A State of Emergency was enacted for the State of NC effective Thursday, September 07, 2017 at 0800 Hrs.
- A State of Emergency was enacted for Rockingham County effective Friday, September 08, 2017 at 1800 Hrs.

Note: Declaration of State of Emergency for Rockingham County Section 3A: Restricted Access: It is unlawful to disobey any barriers which restrict vehicular or pedestrian travel due to road closure, detours, hazards, etc. All citizens should fully obey all regulatory signs whether they are permanently or temporarily placed due to the existing circumstances.

- The City of Reidsville has been in communication with other municipal, county, and state agencies regarding preparations for Hurricane Irma.
- The City of Reidsville's Police, Fire, and Public Works departments have placed all essential personnel on standby in preparation for this storm.
- The City of Reidsville's Police, Fire, and Public Works, along with other important departments, have completed pre-checks of all emergency systems, equipment, special response vehicles, and stock of pertinent supplies needed for an emergency response.
- Rockingham County Swift water Rescue Team will be activated Monday Morning
- Decisions on the opening of shelters will be made pending further information of the storm track and intensity. At this time NO shelters are open.
- A Companion Animal Shelter will coincide with the opening of shelters should the need for shelters become evident. At this time NO shelters are open.
- Farm Animals CANNOT be sheltered in ANY county resources. The NC Department of Agriculture will be the governing authority concerning farm animals.
- Citizens should collect personal documents (insurance documents, banking information, etc.) and maintain these documents in a safe manner that protects the items from water damage.
- Citizens should photograph their property prior to any significant weather event to verify the pre-storm condition of the property.
- Any and all movements should be completed prior to the impacts of the storm as conditions could quickly worsen as the storm moves through the area.
- Citizens should monitor weather updates and social media outlets for further updates and preparation guidance.

- Do not become complacent and under estimate this or any severe storm. Please take the necessary precautions. Remember: It is always better to be prepared and not need it, then being caught unprepared. When you are unprepared, you can get seriously hurt or even killed.
- TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN: Please visit FOX 8 for more severe weather tips to keep you safe.