



Public Service Announcement

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Hurricane Michael

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga.- A Tropical Storm Watch continues for Glynn County in anticipation of Hurricane Michael in the Gulf of Mexico. Wind, rain, and flooding remain a concern with the increasing threat of tornadoes. The public should be aware that **there will not be an evacuation ordered for the storm event**. Residents and visitors are advised to shelter in place as the storm passes.

Georgia is currently under a state of emergency. This declaration extends to commerce and the uninterrupted supply of petroleum products, emergency or disaster related materials, supplies, goods and services. **This does not declare any evacuations for included counties or change messages from local officials.**

Conditions are likely to begin deteriorating during the late evening hours of Wednesday, October 10, 2018, and continue to worsen until morning on Thursday, October 11, 2018. At this time, forecasts are calling for 30-40 mph sustained winds with gusts up to 50 mph. Estimated rainfall is two to three inches and a storm surge of one to two feet is likely.

Possible flooding could occur on the FJ Torras Causeway leading to lane closure. Based on current forecast models, it is **NOT anticipated that the FJ Torras Causeway will be closed**. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will close the Sidney Lanier Bridge on US-17 at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 to reopen when safe.

During the storm, please stay off of the roads and out of the water. If you must drive remember, do not drive through water, that intersections with power outages should be treated as four way stops, and to alert Georgia Power of any downed power lines by going to

<http://outagemap.georgiapower.com/external/default.html>.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will not be on the water in the height of the storm and Coast Guard Station and Massengale Beach entrances will be closed until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Trash service is expected to continue as scheduled, if possible. Non-emergency callers should call the Glynn County Customer Service Department at 554-7111.

There are several closures announced at this time.

- Glynn County State, Magistrate, Probate and Juvenile Courts will cancel court for Wednesday October 10, 2018, and Thursday, October 11, 2018, with the exception of Grand Jury and Drug Court.
- Glynn County Government Offices and City of Brunswick will close at 2:00 p.m. October 10, 2018, until 12:00 p.m. October 11, 2018. Public Safety will continue normal shifts. Glynn County Animal Control will not have officers on the road during these hours.
- Brunswick Municipal Courts will be in session Wednesday morning.
- Glynn County Schools will close one hour early Wednesday October 10, 2018, and remain closed Thursday, October 11, 2018, to reopen on Friday October 12, 2018.
- The Jekyll Island Authority's amenities and administrative offices will delay opening until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018.
- The College of Coastal Georgia will be closed Wednesday, October 10, 2018, and Thursday, October 11, 2018.
- All County road work on Demere Road and Southport at Highway 17 has been suspended.

Now is the time to prepare for the potential impacts Michael may have on our area.

- Secure loose or lightweight items outside your house or business.
- Keep your vehicles fueled.
- Finalize your disaster kit.
- Ensure you have at least 3 days of water and non-perishable foods.
- Ensure you have extra medications and medical supplies.
- If your medication requires refrigeration, ensure you have a plan in place should you lose power for an extended period of time.
- Make sure all information in your family communication plan is up to date and everyone knows the plan.
- Make provisions for your pet. Make sure they are inside, out of the elements, and have plenty of food and water.
- Flooding is possible in low lying areas; Turn Around Don't Drown!

We will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as needed. Updates will be available at www.glynncounty.org/michael and Glynn County Board of Commissioners Facebook. We advise the public to use the latest forecast models from the National Weather Service Jacksonville.

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