

Lunenburg County Emergency Management officials are monitoring the impending weather forecast for Hurricane Florence. At this time, effects could be widespread but the next 48 hours are crucial to determine severity and storm track. We are currently in contact with our local emergency services providers to plan for potential severe weather conditions.

Lunenburg County will offer sheltering options if the need arises. Our first step in sheltering will be charging stations for electronic devices and providing drinking water. Please plan to remain in your homes, if possible. If the weather is treacherous, do not travel. Let us not meet by accident.

Now is the time to prepare for possible strong winds and extended periods of heavy rain.

- Remove hanging limbs and brush from overhead areas and around your home.
- Secure loose outdoor furnishings and check gutters for blockages.
- Obtain batteries for flashlights and charge cell phones and electronic devices.
- Fuel your vehicles and generators (if you have one).
- Be sure to have cash on-hand as ATM's and banks may be unavailable.
- Rural residents should collect potable water for drinking and store water in bathtubs or jugs for sanitary needs (flushing toilets, hygiene)
- Collect dry goods and canned food for consumption in case of extended power outages.

The Towns of Kenbridge and Victoria, and County waste disposal services for refuse will likely not be able to service your refuse needs in the case of severe weather. Please plan to store your refuse in appropriate containers until disposal services can be provided efficiently.

Kenbridge and Victoria both have back-up generators for water distribution and sanitation to provide seamless operations for water consumption for those on Town utilities.

It is important that residents register to use the CodeRED notification system for weather and emergency alerts. Register by visiting: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/EAE28CC142E9> for the website and click <https://www.onsolve.com/solutions/products/codered/mobile-alert-app/codered-mobile-apps-download/> for the mobile app. You can also call the County's dedicated storm-related phone line at 434-696-0501 for weather related information and the message there will be updated as more information becomes available.

If you or someone you know has specific non-emergent medical needs, please make plans to provide for those needs for an extended period; this includes having a full supply of medications and necessary medical supplies. If utilizing a home health agency or service, call your provider to coordinate service delivery in advance of inclement weather.

As always, if you have an emergency please dial 9-1-1.

We extend this message to assist you in preparation for the worst-case scenario for our area because being prepared is the first step in ensuring your safety and well-being.