

# Town of Newport

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## **For Immediate Release:**

### **Town Council Meeting Cancelled on Thursday and Hurricane Florence Preparation and Evacuation Information**

The Town Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. The Town of Newport NC urges residents and visitors to take the necessary precautions to evacuate with the threat of Hurricane Florence beginning at noon on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Citizens should listen to the local news stations for the latest advisories with the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center as well as state and emergency management officials. Citizens and visitors should plan to be at a safe location and sheltered by Wednesday, September 12 at 8 p.m.

Public shelters will be set up for evacuees outside of Carteret County. The shelter will open at 2PM at Knightdale High School 100 Bryan Chalk Lane in Knightdale, NC. Please monitor our Newport Facebook/Twitter page or go to [readync.gov](http://readync.gov) for updates.

Medically fragile citizens should contact the Carteret County Emergency Management office at 252-222-5841 at the start of the evacuation for shelter information.

As everyone prepares for Hurricane Florence, don't forget to secure important documents in waterproof containers, fuel your vehicles and have enough cash on hand to last a week. Please protect your home by clearing your property of all debris and outdoor objects that could damage the structure in strong winds. Make sure that you have an emergency kit which should include nonperishable food, water (one gallon/person/day) and clothing to sustain each family member for three days. The kit should also include a flashlight, radio and spare batteries. Blankets, rain gear and appropriate footwear also are recommended. Special considerations must be made for the young or disabled. Remember to include baby food and medications as appropriate.

Local stores are already experiencing empty shelves and there may be long lines at gas stations. Please leave early, especially those that will be traveling with boats or trailers. Newport Town Hall will close at 12PM on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Waste Industries will stop providing trash pickup as of 12PM on Tuesday. Newport Library will close on Tuesday at 12PM. Be safe, be prepared and hope for the best. Contact the non-emergency number for the Town of Newport at 223-4510 starting Wednesday afternoon.

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