



## News Release



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## Seven Emergency Shelters Will Open at 3 p.m. Wednesday

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Cumberland County will open seven emergency shelters at 3 p.m. today, Sept. 12, for residents affected by possible flooding and other issues related to Hurricane Florence.

Residents may begin reporting to the following locations at 3 p.m.:

- Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers Street, Fayetteville
- Mac Williams Middle School, 4644 Clinton Road, Fayetteville
- Pine Forest High School, 525 Andrews Road, Fayetteville
- Seventy-First High School, 6764 Raeford Road, Fayetteville
- Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Ave., Fayetteville
- South View High School, 4184 Elk Road, Hope Mills
- W. T. Brown Elementary School, 2522 Andrews Church Road, Spring Lake

Shelter information is available on the County's website at [co.cumberland.nc.us/departments/emergency-group/emergency-services/emergency-management/shelters](http://co.cumberland.nc.us/departments/emergency-group/emergency-services/emergency-management/shelters)

All residents, especially those in flood-prone and low-lying areas, should have their personal sheltering plans and emergency preparation kits in place by this evening.

Residents can access the flood zone maps on the county's GIS website at <http://bit.ly/CCGISMaps>. Users can enter their address, select the Layers icon, located at the upper right of the screen and select the "Flood Zone Areas" check box.

The shelters at Pine Forest High School and South View High School will have pet accommodations. Pet owners should bring pet food, medication, crates, collars, leashes and rabies vaccination records. Animal Control staff will be on-site, but owners will be expected to provide daily care for their animals during their stay at the shelter.

### Non-emergency Hurricane Florence Information Line - 910-678-7657

A non-emergency Hurricane Florence information line will go live at 10 a.m. today in the Emergency Operations Center. Residents may call **910-678-7657** with questions.

In addition, if residents need to evacuate and do not have transportation to the shelter or need other assistance, they may call 910-678-7657.

The County will fully activate its Emergency Operations Center at 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 12. During the event, a Joint Information Center will be staffed by the County's Public Information Office and City of Fayetteville Corporate Communications.

### **County Offices and Court System Closing at Noon Wednesday, Sept. 12.**

All Cumberland County Government Offices and buildings will close at noon today for non-essential personnel. This action will allow the County to begin mobilizing shelter facilities and activate the Emergency Operations Center. The offices will remain closed Thursday and Friday.

All Solid Waste Landfills and container sites are open today on a regular schedule. They will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Headquarters Library is closed all day Sept. 12 as staff prepare the lower level for potential flooding. All other libraries will close at noon and remain closed until Monday, Sept. 17.

The Cumberland County Court System will also close at noon Wednesday and remain closed Thursday and Friday. All court dates will be rescheduled. The Clerk of Court will mail a new notice of hearing to the address that is in the file. Individuals may also check [www.nccourts.gov](http://www.nccourts.gov) under the "Court Calendars" tab 48 hours after the courthouse reopens for new court dates.

### **Prepare Now**

If you have not already, start building your emergency kits now. Residents should have supplies of food and water available for at least the first 72 hours. Go to [ReadyNC.org](http://ReadyNC.org) to find a full list of supplies you should have on hand.

- Residents going to shelters should bring blankets, pillows, toiletries, any medications and several changes of clothes. Snacks should be non-perishable and not require refrigeration or heating. Caregivers should accompany any residents who have special needs.
- Bring formula, baby food and diapers for infants. Do not bring any food that requires refrigeration or that needs to be heated.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for severe weather and emergency notifications through the Cumberland ALERTS system. Register at [co.cumberland.nc.us/alerts](http://co.cumberland.nc.us/alerts).

Information will be released through the County's:

- Website at [co.cumberland.nc.us](http://co.cumberland.nc.us)
- Facebook - [facebook.com/CumberlandNC](https://facebook.com/CumberlandNC)
- Twitter - [twitter.com/CumberlandNC](https://twitter.com/CumberlandNC)

### **Ways to Stay Connected:**

- City of Fayetteville NC App on Google Play or Apple App Store

- Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityoffayettevillegovernment/>
- Watch local updates on FayTV at [www.FayTV.net](http://www.FayTV.net) or on Spectrum Cable Ch. 7
- [www.ReadyNC.org](http://www.ReadyNC.org)
- Follow the Fayetteville Police Department on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Fayetteville.Police/> and access their app directly through the City app or download by typing in Fayetteville Police Department through Google Play and the Apple App Store