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ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUES PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANE SANDY

Orange County, VA – Orange County Emergency Services is continuing its preparations to assist citizens who may be affected by Hurricane Sandy. Below is the latest information regarding the Hurricane Sandy's potential impact on Orange County:

- Rainfall totals for Orange County are predicted to be in the 3-5 inch range
- Wind speeds of 20-30 MPH should be expected during the storm with higher wind gusts possible.
- The greatest impacts of the storm should begin Monday morning and ease during the day Tuesday.
- Volunteers standing by and ready to open shelters should the need arise.

Orange County residents are advised to take the following precautions:

- Citizens need to finish their preparations today for a major, prolonged weather event. Conditions will begin to deteriorate this evening and we will be feeling the effects of the storm through Tuesday.
- Extensive power outages are likely so citizens are advised to have flashlights and extra batteries, a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio and extra. Have food that does not need refrigeration and one gallon of water per person per day. Other important items are a first aid kit and medications, blankets and other supplies.
- Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for instructions and information.
- Make sure your family members, friends and neighbors are prepared for an extended weather event.



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Pertinent information can be found at www.readyvirginia.gov and information regarding roads can be obtained by calling 511 or at www.511virginia.org. Orange County will remain vigilant in its preparations and pass along information as it is received. Please check Orange County's webpage at www.orangecountyva.gov for up-to-date information about local conditions. For more information about our emergency efforts, please call John Harkness at 540-406-1271. If you have a non-emergent issue to report regarding this storm, please call 540-672-1234.

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