



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ORANGE COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON HURRICANE FLORENCE EFFORTS**

Orange County, VA – Local emergency officials have been closely monitoring the path and impact of Hurricane Florence, the Category 1 hurricane that made landfall early this morning in North Carolina. As of the most recent update from the National Weather Service, Central Virginia is most at-risk for wind gusts, heavy rains, and flooding early next week as the storm moves northward toward the Appalachian Mountains. With saturated grounds and wind gusts, power outages and downed trees may be likely. Orange County residents should remain vigilant as the movement and impact of a storm such as this can be difficult to predict.

Based on the current forecast, Orange County does not have plans to open an emergency shelter. Instead, residents are encouraged to shelter-in-place during the storm. If possible, travel should be delayed until unsafe weather conditions have passed. Residents should adhere to all recommended safety measures.

Citizens should use the following telephone numbers to promptly report power outages:

Central Virginia Electric	(800) 367-2832, Option 1
Dominion Energy	(866) 366-4357
Rappahannock Electric	(800) 552-3904

Orange County will remain alert in its readiness, response, and recovery and will provide pertinent information as it becomes available. Check the County's website ([www.orangecountyva.gov](http://www.orangecountyva.gov)) or the Orange County Fire and EMS Facebook page for up-to-date information regarding local conditions.

Other resources for information and updates include:

- 511 – A toll-free number to provide information regarding road conditions.
- [www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org) – Online database detailing road conditions.
- 211 – A toll-free number serving as the public inquiry hotline for Virginia residents.
- [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov) – An online source for State-wide storm updates.
- VAemergency – The Facebook page for Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- @vdem – Twitter feed for storm updates from Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

In the event of an emergency during the storm, please dial 9-1-1. For information related to the County's emergency efforts, please contact the Orange County Department of Fire and EMS at (540) 672-7044. For non-emergency concerns, please contact the Emergency Communications Center at (540) 672-1234.

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