



# Press Release

**NEWS: August 28, 2023**  
**Contact: Matthew Kent**  
**mkent@bryan-county.org**  
**912.756.1992**

## **NEWS: Tropical Storm Idalia Update #1**

BRYAN COUNTY Ga, Tropical Storm Idalia is expected to make landfall in Florida after strengthening in the Gulf of Mexico as early as Wednesday, August 30, 2023. The Bryan County Emergency Operations Center is activated and is closely monitoring Idalia. Hurricane Franklin is also in the Atlantic Coast and could possibly create additional storm surge for coastal Georgia in the coming days. The exact track of both storms is unpredictable, so at this time Bryan County residents should take the following steps to prepare for a potential of flooding from 4-8 inches of rain in low lying areas and high winds of 40-80 mph.

- Secure loose or lightweight items outside your house or business.
- Keep your vehicles fueled.
- Finalize your disaster kit.
- Ensure you have at least 3 days of water and non-perishable foods.
- Ensure you have extra medications and medical supplies.
- If your medication requires refrigeration, ensure you have a plan in place should you lose power for an extended period of time.
- Make sure all information in your family communication plan is up to date and everyone knows the plan.
- Make provisions for your pet. Make sure they are inside, out of the elements, and have plenty of food and water.
- Flooding is possible in low lying areas; Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Secure watercraft as storm surge is possible.

At this time, no closures are announced. Sign up for CODERED to get emergency alerts. Look to [www.BryanCountyGa.org](http://www.BryanCountyGa.org) and Bryan County social media for the most up to date information. For city specific information go to [www.richmondhill-ga.gov/](http://www.richmondhill-ga.gov/) and [www.pembrokega.net](http://www.pembrokega.net) and their social media

pages. Report downed power lines to Georgia Power at 1-888-891-0938 or Canoochee EMC at 1-800-342-0134. Future updates will be posted regularly.

###