

Press Release

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NEWS: Tropical Storm Idalia Update #2

BRYAN COUNTY Ga, Bryan County is now under a Tropical Storm Watch and Storm Surge Watch as conditions are right for potential tropical storm force winds. The outer bands of Tropical Storm Idalia are now expected to impact coastal Georgia as soon as Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 8pm. As the storm continues, the track and speed may change further. Rip currents and storm surge are a threat due to Idalia and Hurricane Franklin in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Bryan County Emergency Operations Center continues to closely monitor Idalia. 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 <u>www.BryanCountyGa.org</u> and Bryan County social media for the most up to date information. For city

specific information go to <u>www.richmondhill-ga.gov/</u> and <u>www.pembrokega.net</u> and their social media pages. Report downed power lines to Georgia Power at 1-888-891-0938, Canoochee EMC at 1-800- 342-0134, or Coastal EMC at 1-800-421-2343. Future updates will be posted regularly.

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