



Press Release

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NEWS: County State of Emergency Declared - Hurricane Idalia Update #5

BRYAN COUNTY Ga, Bryan County has declared a state of emergency in anticipation of potential impacts of Hurricane Idalia. In the event of hurricane damage, the emergency declaration allows the Bryan County Board of Commissioners to have the necessary tools to respond quickly and ensure a speedy recovery. This also allows the County to request state resources such as equipment and money for response and recovery, if necessary. The state has also declared a state of emergency.

Hurricane Idalia has made landfall in Florida as a Category 3 hurricane. The earliest expected impact from winds is at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Bryan County is now under a Hurricane Watch, Tropical Storm Warning, Tornado Watch, and Storm Surge Warning. Flooding in low lying areas due to storm surge is also a strong possibility. If you live in low-lying areas consider moving to higher ground. High tides and a supermoon will also contribute to flooding. Tornadoes and power outages are also possible due to high winds.

Bryan County Schools are closed for Wednesday, August 30, 2023, and will reassess conditions for Thursday. Bryan County Government, the City of Pembroke and the City of Richmond Hill administrative offices are closed on Wednesday, 30, 2023. Public Safety will remain on duty throughout the storm. Bryan County Animal Control will be answering emergency calls only. Bryan County Parks and Recreation practices and games are cancelled for Wednesday.

Georgia Department of Health offices in coastal Georgia have closed their offices. Sign up for CODERED to get emergency alerts. Look to 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/ and www.pembrokega.net 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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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY – HURRICANE IDALIA


Section 10-29 of the Code of Bryan County, Georgia states, in part: “In the event of actual or impending emergency or disaster or natural or manmade origin, or impending or actual enemy attack or pandemic influenza emergency or public health emergency, anywhere within the county, the county commission chairman or vice-chairman or designee may declare that a local state of emergency or disaster exists.”

I, Carter Infinger, Chairman of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 10-29 of the Code of Bryan County and applicable state law, hereby declare a State of Emergency in the entire geographic boundaries of Bryan County, Georgia as a result of the actual and impending natural disaster, to wit: Hurricane Idalia. Pursuant to Section 10-29(a)(3), this Declaration shall “automatically activate the county emergency and disaster plan [and] the response and recovery aspects of the plan . . . and shall be authority for the deployment and use of any forces to which the plan(s) apply and for use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, and materials and facilities assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available...”

This Declaration shall further authorize the exercise of any and all powers provided by the Code of Bryan County and state law, including but not limited to, those powers contained within Section 10-29(b) of the Code of Bryan County.

The state of emergency and disaster described in this Declaration shall continue for ten (10) days from the date hereof, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided by law.

This Declaration of State of Emergency is so declared and made by Chairman Carter Infinger, Bryan County Board of Commissioners, on this 29th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and shall be effective immediately.



Carter Infinger, Chairman
Bryan County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Lori Tyson, County Clerk