



Town of Beaufort
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August 30, 2023

**Town of Beaufort Declares a State of Emergency
Tropical Storm Idalia Expected to Bring a Threat of Tornadoes, Heavy Rain,
Flash Flooding and Storm Surge**

BEAUFORT, NC – Town of Beaufort officials have been closely monitoring the path of Hurricane Idalia and its potential impacts on the Town.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, the National Weather Service issued a Tropical Storm Warning and a Storm Surge Watch for Beaufort. Forecasts for Beaufort focus on an increased risk of tornados, heavy periods of rain with some areas receiving 4-10 inches and isolated areas up to 15 inches, wind gusts up to 40-50 mph with sustained tropical force winds and tidal surge of 1-3 feet in Beaufort and 2-4 feet East of Beaufort. The Town has already been experiencing elevated tide levels due to the distant passing of Hurricane Franklin and is experiencing King Tides.

The weather is forecasted to deteriorate during the evening hours of Wednesday, Aug. 30 and persist throughout the day on Thursday, Aug. 31 and possibly into Friday, Sept. 1.

In anticipation of the potential impacts from Tropical Storm Idalia, Town of Beaufort officials declared a State of Emergency effective at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023. The declaration remains in effect until the Mayor or Board of Commissioners rescind the declaration.

Tidal events of concern are high tide on Thursday evening and Friday morning. These will see the peak of the inundation.

Town officials are monitoring the storm and are in contact with emergency management officials and the National Weather Service.

Secure Outdoor Items

Please secure all outdoor furniture, building materials, toys, garden tools, garbage cans, sailboats and any other harmful objects that could blow around in high winds. Moor all boats securely or evacuate them to a safe area.

Emergency Alerts

Make sure you have multiple ways to receive emergency alerts. The Town offers multiple methods to receive information. Sign up for the Town of Beaufort Emergency Alert System by scanning the QR Code below, texting "Join beaufortnc-alerts" to 31002 without the quotes or visit beaufortnc.org. Follow the Town on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown> and track information online at www.beaufortnc.org.



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Power Outages

In the event of a power outage, please report it to Duke Energy's automated outage-reporting system: Duke Energy Progress: 1-800-419-6356. Customers may also report an outage or view current outages online at www.duke-energy.com/outages or text OUT to 57801.

Trash and Recycling

For questions concerning trash and recycling pick up, please contact GFL at (252) 223-4176.

Storm Debris

In the event of storm debris, please follow the guidelines outlined by the Town for separating debris. Storm debris should be placed at the curb without blocking the roadway or storm drains. Please be sure not to put debris near trees, poles, fire hydrants or other structures.

For more information and updates follow the Town of Beaufort on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BeaufortTown and online at www.beaufortnc.org.

Contact: Rachel Johnson, Public Information Officer
Phone: (252) 528-8765
Email: r.johnson@beaufortnc.org

6 WAYS to receive a warning

- NOAA Weather Radio
- Local TV and Radio
- Wireless Emergency Alerts & Weather Apps
- Outdoor Sirens
- Internet Sites
- From Your Friends, Family and Coworkers

TORNADO TERMINOLOGY

Tornado Watch
Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED:** Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

Tornado Warning
A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Tornado Emergency
An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

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 **PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE**
A basic emergency supply kit should include the following items:

 Flashlights	 Cash	 Batteries	 First Aid Kit
 Weather Radio	 Non-Perishable Food	 Water	 Portable Chargers

Get updates on your outage at duke-energy.com or text **OUT** to **57801** (standard text and data charges may apply)



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