



GLOUCESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY INFORMATION

COASTAL STORM ANNOUNCEMENT #1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: Sunday, October 2, 2022

TIME: 5 PM EDT

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COASTAL STORM TO CAUSE MAJOR TIDAL FLOODING, HIGH WINDS

Gloucester County Emergency Management officials will declare a Local Emergency tomorrow. This comes in the wake of a coastal storm that will impact the area Sunday evening through Tuesday. Currently, the U.S. National Weather Service, Wakefield, is forecasting moderate to major tidal flooding, of which has not been seen in 10-15 years in many areas.

Flooding over the next few days is expected to cause extensive inundation. Water will be 2-3 feet above ground level in some areas, and the flooding is expected to extend inland from the waterfront and shoreline. Numerous roads will be impassible. Do not drive through flooded roads, as it is impossible to know how deep the water actually is. Greate Road, leading to the Gloucester Point Beach Park, will close at 10 a.m. Monday. The Point Beach Park and Pier will close at 6 p.m. Sunday and will remain closed until further notice.

This storm is also forecast to bring gale-forced winds, with gusts up to 60 miles per hour for some coastal areas. This will likely cause power outages. It is essential to report downed power lines or outages.

To report power outages or downed lines, call 1-866-366-4357 or visit www.dom.com.

For any public safety issues including downed trees that are on a structure or are blocking roads, or downed lines, please call the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office NON-EMERGENCY line at 1-804-693-3890. To report impassible roads or roadway hazards, dial 1-800-FOR-ROAD.

For coastal flooding, it is important to Know Your Zone. Find your property on the map:

<https://va-know-your-zone-vdemgis.hub.arcgis.com/>.

If you have not yet done so, sign up for Gloucester's BEE Alert Emergency Notification System.

Sign up by visiting www.gloucesterva.info.

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