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Preparation Tips for Hurricane Irma

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The current forecast places Henderson County in a high-risk area for heavy rainfall and windy conditions that may lead to flooding and extensive power outages for several days.

Citizens should prepare their homes and families for the negative effects of this tropical system by taking the following precautions:

- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with limited warning.
- Be aware of roads that normally flood and plan an alternate route around those areas, do not drive through flooded roadways. “Turn Around Don’t Drown.”
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit including water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, flashlights, extra batteries, sanitation supplies, tools, medications, oxygen and special needs items.
- Power outages could be extensive for several days. Store enough water and food that doesn’t require preparation for several days.
- **Gather** supplies for your pet and put them in an easily accessible container.
- More information about disaster preparedness can be found at www.readync.org.

Henderson County residents and visitors can register for Henderson County’s Nixle emergency alert system by texting their zip code to 888777 or going online to www.hendersonsheriff.org and clicking the Nixle logo.

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