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Hurricane Ian Forecast for Henderson County

HC-2022-27 Hendersonville, NC – September 30, 2022

As Hurricane Ian is expected to make landfall this afternoon, Henderson County officials and Emergency Management, along with Public Safety partners including Fire Departments, the Rescue Squad, Municipal Public Works, and North Carolina DOT continue to closely monitor the situation. While the current prediction for our area has improved slightly over the last twelve hours, citizens are encouraged to remain on alert and be prepared for the impact this storm will have throughout the region.

A great way to stay informed of impending storms is to sign up for emergency notifications from <u>Nixle</u> <u>emergency text alerts</u>. If a storm is predicted for our area, you can visit our website, <u>www.hendersoncountync.org/em</u>, for more information.

You can prepare for storms by creating a <u>disaster plan</u> for your family and pets and having an <u>evacuation plan</u>. Before the storm gets here you can strengthen your home by de-cluttering drains and gutters, tending to vegetation that could cause damage, securing your outdoor furniture and décor, and weatherproofing your home's exterior.

Be sure to remember that if you do come upon a roadway filled with water, turn around – don't drown. Flood waters can sweep you and your car away very quickly. Additional resources are available at <u>ready.gov</u>.

If you have an actual emergency dial 9-1-1.

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