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## Preparation Tips for Hurricane Joaquin

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The current weather forecast places Henderson County in a high-risk area for heavy rainfall and windy conditions over the next several days. This severe weather 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. Here is a list of tips to help you prepare:

- 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.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit including water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, 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.

More information about disaster preparedness can be found at [www.readync.org](http://www.readync.org) or you may contact Henderson County Emergency Services Director Rocky Hyder at 697-4728.

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