

GC Solid Waste will not collect household garbage Wednesday

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George County Solid Waste Crews will not pick-up household garbage on Wednesday due to possible flooding and road hazards from Tropical Storm Gordon. Household collections will resume Thursday morning using the "One-Day Behind" schedule.

County and City officials are urging all residents and business owners not to leave their garbage cans/containers outdoors and on the street during the severe weather. All garbage routes will be completed by the end of the work week.

The George County Courthouse and all County offices will reopen Wednesday morning (Sept. 5) at 9 am, weather permitting.



George County's storm shelters are open tonight (Sept. 4) for all residents in need of safe lodging. Each shelter is being staffed by a member of the George County Sheriff's Reserve, American Red Cross and Mississippi Department of Human Services personnel. No pets are allowed inside of shelters. Locations include:

- Benndale Storm Shelter (5207 Hwy. 26 W)
- Agricola Storm Shelter (3161 Cooks Corner Road)

Tropical Storm Gordon is forecasted by the National Weather Service to strengthen and make landfall tonight as a Category 1 Hurricane on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This system could bring strong winds (20-30 mph with 45 mph gusts) and 4-6 inches of rain into the area (locally up to 8 inches) by this evening through Wednesday morning.

The County's EOC is now activated for the duration of Tropical Storm Gordon. Officials remind all residents to think about their personal safety while making storm preparations. The County remains under a Flash Flood Watch meaning heavy pockets of rain could quickly cover local roads and low lying property.

"All drivers also need to be aware road conditions will be changing in the next 12 hours. Flash flood along with tropical storm conditions can easily produce standing water and debris on road ways," Smith said.

For the most updated weather information and alerts follow George County's EMA Facebook page at Facebook/GeorgeCountyMsEmergencyManagement and the County's website <u>www.georgecountyms.gov</u>.

Photo Cut: Weather beginning to change over the George County Courthouse at 5 pm