



George County Board of Supervisors
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George County declares local emergency in advance of Tropical Storm Nate

- County will open storm shelters Saturday afternoon -

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The George County Board of Supervisors approved a “Declaration of Local Emergency” today in advance of Tropical Storm Nate.

Tropical Storm Nate is forecast by the National Weather Service to move into the Gulf of Mexico tonight and strengthen to Category 1 Hurricane by Saturday. This system could bring high winds and 4-6 inches of rain into the area by Saturday night and throughout Sunday.

The County will open two storm shelters on Saturday (Oct. 7) at 4 p.m. which will be run by the American Red Cross and the MS Department of Human Services. Residents going to a shelter should bring prescription medication, eyeglasses, sleeping gear, baby/infant items, and a change of clothes. Review Red Cross guidelines at www.redcross.org. No pets are allowed inside of shelters. Locations are:

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

“George County is under a Tropical Storm Watch now, which means strong winds and heavy rains could be here within 36 hours. I’m asking all residents to take precautions now and start making preparations for this weekend,” Nancy Smith, George County Emergency Management Director explained.

The County is also taking several precautions:

- County supervisors are pre-positioning road equipment across their beats to better respond to possible road closures.
- Sheriff’s Department is placing all staff members on “stand-by” and coordinating with the Sheriff’s Reserve, if needed.
- All County offices will remain open today (Oct. 6) for normal operations. The EOC will be activated for the duration.

“All drivers also need to be aware road conditions will be changing throughout the weekend. Tropical storm conditions can 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*. All official County announcements and news releases will come from the County’s Emergency Management Office and/or Public Information Office.

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