



# COUNTY OF DARE

## Emergency Management

P.O. Box 1000, Manteo, North Carolina 27954

**Tropical Storm Hanna  
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### **Gale Force Winds Expected From Tropical Storm Hanna**

Gale force winds at or above 40 miles per hour are expected as Tropical Storm Hanna continues to move along a path which will impact the North Carolina coast through 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

Dare County Emergency Management recommends avoiding travel Friday evening through Saturday morning because of potentially adverse road conditions. No significant flooding is anticipated; however there will be rough surf conditions and a high threat of rip currents in ocean waters. Rain totals of two to three inches are expected.

Dare County is under a Tropical Storm Warning and Hurricane Watch. There is also a Tornado Watch until 5:00 a.m. Saturday. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a state of emergency. No evacuation order is expected for Dare County. However, a temporary shelter, if needed, has been established in Craven County at 4275 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in New Bern, North Carolina. This facility can accommodate pets.

All games and nighttime activities for Dare County Schools have been cancelled for Friday. All Saturday activities are cancelled.

The Dare County Animal Shelter will be closed to the public on Saturday but available for emergency calls.

The North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island will be closed Saturday but will reopen Sunday, September 7.

Power outages are expected to be minimal and isolated, however, if you experience power outages contact your power company to report the outage. The Northern Beaches and Manteo should contact Dominion North Carolina Power at 1-888-667-3000, Hatteras Island should contact Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative at 866-511-9862, and Mainland Dare residents should contact Tideland Electric at 252-943-3046.

Ferry service between Hatteras Village and Ocracoke is operating on a regular schedule. Ferry service will be discontinued when winds reach 45 miles per hour. For updates on ferry service call 1-800-BY-FERRY. The National Park Service has closed the Visitors Centers for Bodie Island, Fort Raleigh, Hatteras Island, Ocracoke Island and the Wright Brothers National Memorial. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is closed and all seashore ocean beaches are closed to off-road vehicle use. The campgrounds for Frisco, Oregon Inlet, and Ocracoke remain closed. For more information on National Park Service closures visit [www.nps.gov/caha](http://www.nps.gov/caha).

Updates on the storm, Dare County Emergency Management's level of readiness and safety recommendations can be obtained in the following ways: [www.darenc.com](http://www.darenc.com), Cable Channel 20, and NOAA Weather Radio.

Dare County Emergency Management will continue to closely monitor the progress of the storm and issue advisories as the situation warrants.