

October 4, 2016

Town Prepares for Hurricane Matthew

Although the forecast track for Hurricane Matthew remains uncertain, the Town of Edenton is preparing for the storm. Forecasters should have more confidence in predicting the track of the storm in the next 24 hours so the Town is using this time to review preparedness plans and get staff, equipment and supplies in place in anticipation of impacts from the storm.

Staff met this afternoon to discuss possible impacts of storm. Plans were reviewed to secure waterfront facilities, including buildings, infrastructure and equipment. We ramped up storm supplies and reviewed mutual aid agreements and emergency repairs contracts in case additional help is needed to restore power as quickly and efficiently as possible. Employees are testing equipment and will top off fuel in town vehicles and equipment in the next few days.

Town employees are being encouraged to prepare their homes and families now for storm, and we encourage residents to do same thing now. Residents should make sure disaster kits are stocked and have food and water supplies for each family member to last several days. Check first aid supplies and have medications nearby as well as batteries, flashlights and weather radio.

Look for Chowan County and Town of Edenton media releases with additional storm updates and information. Follow the Town on Twitter @TownofEdenton and find us on Facebook at Town of Edenton, NC.