



## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

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### *NEWS RELEASE*

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### **Be Prepared for Hurricane Michael**

**Chatham County, GA (October 8, 2018)** – The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is asking residents, business owners, and visitors to prepare for impacts from Hurricane Michael. Hurricane Michael is expected to weaken after coming on shore in Florida. Chatham County residents should be prepared for the following conditions:

- Tropical Storm force winds
- Anticipated rainfall of 4-6 inches
- Coastal flooding
- A marginal risk of flash flooding
- RIP currents
- Isolated tornados
- Beach erosion

CEMA suggest the following to prepare for the upcoming storm:

- Secure loose or lightweight items outside your house or business.
- Keep your vehicles fueled.
- Finalize your disaster kit. You can visit [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org) for recommended items.
- Ensure you have at least 3 days of water and non-perishable foods.
- Ensure you have extra medications and medical supplies.
- If your medication requires refrigeration, ensure you have a plan in place should you lose power for an extended period of time.
- Make sure all information in your family communication plan is up to date and everyone knows the plan.

- Sign up for Emergency Email and Text Alerts via Swift Reach by visiting the CEMA website to register.
- Make provisions for your pet. Make sure they are inside, out of the elements, and have plenty of food and water.
- Flooding is possible in low lying areas; Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Plan for possible extended power outages. It may take several days to restore power.

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