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Public Safety Message

Carteret County, NC – As the beginning of the inclement weather related to Hurricane Dorian has arrived in our County, citizens who have chosen to shelter in place are encouraged to remain safe.

Shelter

- If sheltering during high winds, go to a small, interior, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor that is not subject to flooding.
- If you become trapped due to flash flooding or storm surge you should shelter in a higher level of your building, keeping in mind that hurricane-force winds are stronger at higher elevations or floors.
- If you seek shelter in your attic, be sure you have a window or alternate exit as rising floodwaters can cause entrapment.
- Stay away from windows as flying debris from broken glass may cause injury (*Ready.gov*).

Generator Use

- Generators and other gasoline and propane powered machinery, such as grills and camp stoves, should be used outdoors ONLY.
- Operate away from windows and doors that could allow carbon monoxide indoors.
- Keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Do not touch with wet hands.
- Turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite (*American Red Cross*).

Floodwaters

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Hazardous chemicals, sharp objects, such as glass or metal fragments may be swept up in flood waters and cause injury.
- Stay off bridges over fast moving water.

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