

Disaster Resources for North Carolina Tropical Cyclone Storm Sixteen September 26, 2023

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Recent press release related to Tropical Cyclone Sixteen

"Friday, September 22, 2023

Governor Cooper Signs State of Emergency Ahead of Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen

RALEIGH

Today, Governor Roy Cooper signed a State of Emergency in preparation for impacts from Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen.

"It is important for North Carolinians to prepare for potential impacts from the coming storm," said Governor Cooper. "The storm's path has been difficult to predict and we want to ensure that farmers, first responders and utility crews have the tools necessary to prepare for severe weather."

The Executive Order will temporarily waive transportation regulations pertaining to the movement of livestock and agricultural products.

Additionally, the Order issues transportation waivers to expedite preparations in anticipation of the storm and provide for swift response and recovery after the system passes.

"North Carolina Emergency Management continues to monitor the weather impacts and is in contact with our county partners to address resource needs they may have. This is a proactive preparedness measure to ensure we have the tools and resources available to support all North Carolinians," said Will Ray, Emergency Management director. "The transportation waiver will make it easier to move equipment and other resources if needed."

With the possibility of flash flooding and coastal flooding, please remember to never drive through flooded roadways. Turn around don't drown!

North Carolina Emergency Management officials offer these tips for being prepared and remaining safe:

- *Pay close attention to your local weather forecast, and be aware of conditions expected in your area.*
- *Have a way to receive weather watches and warnings, like a weather app on your cell phone.*
- *Follow directions from your local emergency officials.*
- *Do not drive on flooded roads – Turn around, don't drown.*
- *Be prepared for the possibility of power outages. Use battery powered light sources – avoid candles.*
- *If your power goes out, never use generators or barbecue grills in your home or garage – they create deadly carbon monoxide fumes that can kill.*
- *Stay away from any downed power lines and report them to your power company.*
- *Visit [ReadyNC.gov](https://www.readync.gov) for instructions on how to prepare and assemble your family emergency kit and templates for an emergency plan.*
- *Visit [DriveNC.gov](https://www.driveNC.gov) for information on road closings from NC Department of Transportation.*

Read [Executive Order No. 288](#).”

North Carolina Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management

1636 Gold Star Drive

Raleigh, NC 27607

Main Switchboard: (919) 825-2500

24-Hour Watch Center: (919) 733-3300

[NC DPS: Emergency Management](#)

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Recent press release related to Tropical Cyclone Sixteen

“Thursday, September 21, 2023

Governor Cooper and Emergency Management Officials Encourage North Carolinians to be Prepared for Tropical Storm Weather

RALEIGH

Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Emergency Management are encouraging North Carolinians across eastern and central portions of the state to be prepared for tropical weather over the next couple of days. Gusty winds combined with saturated soils could result in downed trees and power outages, along with the possibility of flash flooding and coastal flooding.

“As tropical weather is threatening our state again, we are reminded of the importance of being prepared by having a family emergency plan and kit,” said Governor Cooper. “It’s important that people stay tuned to their local news stations or their NOAA weather radio so they know what the conditions are in their area.”

The National Hurricane Center has initiated advisories on Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen as an area of low pressure is forecast to develop off the southeastern U.S. coast later today and will bring tropical-storm-force winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and high surf to portions of the state tomorrow and Saturday, with the greatest impacts expected along and near the coast. Along with the potential for rainfall amounts of 2-6”, wind gusts of 50-70 mph, and storm surge inundation of 2-4’, isolated tornadoes and dangerous marine conditions will be possible. Tropical Storm Warnings and Storm Surge Watches have been issued for portions of coastal NC, and it is important to monitor the forecast as additional watches and warnings are possible.

The State Emergency Response Team will move to an Enhanced Watch beginning tomorrow to ensure resource coordination and address essential functions should response be needed due to impacts.

“North Carolina Emergency Management is monitoring conditions and is in contact with our local partners; should they need assistance, we are prepared to provide needed resources,” said Will Ray, North Carolina Emergency Management director. “This weather system should serve to remind those living and visiting North Carolina’s coastal counties to know your zone.

Know Your Zone is a cooperative effort of North Carolina Emergency Management and county emergency management partners in coastal counties. If it becomes necessary during a hurricane, tropical storm or other hazard, local officials can order evacuations using these pre-determined zones. Visit [Know Your Zone](#) for more information.

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A list of additional emergency management branch offices can be viewed at [Contact NC Emergency Management | NC DPS](#)

American Red Cross North Carolina Region

2425 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28203
(704) 376-1661

[North Carolina Region | American Red Cross](#)
[American Red Cross North Carolina | Facebook](#)
[Red Cross North Carolina \(@RedCross_NC\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

Open Shelters:

There are no open shelters in North Carolina at this time. To view an up-to-date list of all shelters, please visit: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

North Carolina Department of Transportation

1501 Main Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
(877) 368-4968

[N.C. Department of Transportation \(ncdot.gov\)](https://www.ncdot.gov)
[North Carolina Department of Transportation | Raleigh NC | Facebook](#)
[NCDOT \(@NCDOT\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

For travel conditions and road closures, please visit [DriveNC.gov | North Carolina Traffic, Road Closures & Travel Information](https://www.driveNC.gov)

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

NC 211

Dial 2-1-1 or (888) 892-1162
[NC 211](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/individual-assistance) to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/search-your-location)

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters

2025 East Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](https://www.redcross.org/help-those-affected-by-disasters)

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at [National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com](#).

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

SAFE TRAVEL USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

Free Help Line:

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.