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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Flagler Emergency Management monitors weather, impacts expected to be lower than initially anticipated

**December 20, 2018** – Emergency Management continues to monitor the low-pressure weather system moving through the area, though the National Weather Service decreased the original severe weather risk for Flagler County.

A tornado watch has been issued for areas south of Flagler County. A watch – versus a warning – means that the weather conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop but the conditions do not currently exist.

The main concern for Flagler County is the potential for localized flooding throughout the day.

“Do not drive through water of an unknown depth, as washouts can be hidden by standing water,” said Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord.

As of 11 a.m. Thursday, there had been three individual reports of trees and wires down, as well as minor flooding in some areas. Rainfall totals are between 1 and 1.5 inches, but will increase as rain continues to fall.

Friday is expected to be windy, with gusts of 30 mph possible in western Flagler, and gale warnings issued for coastal areas.

To register for free emergency notifications, go to [www.flaglercounty.org/alertflagler](http://www.flaglercounty.org/alertflagler), or call 386-313-4200 or email [eoc@flaglercounty.org](mailto:eoc@flaglercounty.org)

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