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Finish hurricane preparations now, residents east of I-95 should be ready to evacuate

August 28, 2019 – Flagler County is urging residents to complete their hurricane preparations Thursday. Additionally, residents who live east of Interstate 95 – or in mobile homes or low-lying areas – should be ready to evacuate.

“While we don’t want people to panic, Hurricane Dorian is gaining strength and is currently projected to make a direct hit to Florida’s Atlantic Coast,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “The best way to protect yourself is to be prepared.”

Hurricane shutters and generators should be in place and ready. Food, fuel, water, medication, pet supplies, critical papers, and family comfort supplies should be purchased before the weekend. Porches and patios should be cleared of items that can create a hazard.

“This is critical,” Lord said. “We will likely have a locally declared emergency by early afternoon Thursday. We need everyone to take this very seriously.”

Flagler County has opened its Hurricane Call Center – 386-586-5111 – from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Hours will be expanded as warranted.

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