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Hurricane Florence

Charlotte, NC- The state of North Carolina is still experiencing high waters and flood threats from the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. The City continues to respond to calls, assess any damages and clean up debris from the storm.

North Carolina Emergency Management is the head agency coordinating search and rescue teams across the state. Monday, September 17th Charlotte Fire Department deployed two NC Type 1 Swift Water Rescue teams and one NC Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue team to eastern NC.

State officials are urging everyone to remain aware and prepared for specific circumstances. Especially, families living along Charlotte's creeks that have flooded in the past If it hasn't been done already everyone is advised to begin preparations and be ready to seek shelter elsewhere if and when the water starts rising or emergency services issue an evacuation notice. Last evening, the American Red Cross announced that it had closed the five CMS shelters and moved the occupants to the Grady Cole Center, 310 N. Kings Drive, Charlotte, NC.

Listed below are some resources to stay updated:


- Use 911 for emergency calls only. Use 311 for non-emergency calls
- Check at <https://www.ncdps.gov/florence#shelters> for the most up to date list of shelters throughout the State
- visit the [Emergency Information Page](#) for the most up-to-date information on Charlotte city services
- Mecklenburg County inclement weather webpage <https://www.mecknc.gov/news/Pages/Inclement-Weather.aspx>
- NC Department of Public Safety Florence webpage at <https://www.ncdps.gov/florence>
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport Florence Updates can be viewed at <http://www.cltairport.com/News/Pages/HurricaneFlorenceUpdates.aspx>

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