



NEWS ALERT: Emergency Preparedness - Significant Precipitation Expected this Weekend

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST/FLASH FLOOD WATCH

As you are probably already aware, the National Weather Service ([NWS](#)) is calling for between **5" to 10"** of rain between today and Saturday. There is a chance of higher amounts in localized areas. The amount of precipitation, along with the 5+ inches of rain we received Tuesday night will result in significant flooding of many urban and low lying areas, creeks and streams. The potential for flooding exists for the next several days. Please note that the flooding rains will begin late Thursday into Friday are not associated with [Hurricane Joaquin](#) but a result of several weather systems affecting the Mid-Atlantic area. This hurricane is expected to impact the Mid-Atlantic later this weekend depending upon its path.

For the latest updates from NWS, please click [here](#).

NWS has issued a flash flood watch for our area from 8am, Friday, October 2 through Saturday October 3 at 8pm. NWS' Flash flood guidance for Loudoun County



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is that 1" of rain over 6 hours will trigger a flash flood warning. You can expect a number of flood and river-flood alert notices and warnings over the next several days.



TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Do not underestimate the force and power of water. More deaths occur due to flooding than from any other storm-related hazard. These deaths are preventable! Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to

a flooded road, stop and do not cross. Do not drive around barricades. You cannot always determine the depth of the water or the condition of the road under the water. Six inches of moving water can knock a person down and just two feet of water can move a large vehicle such as a bus.

GUBERNATORIAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Yesterday, Governor Terry McAuliffe declared a [state of emergency](#) for the Commonwealth in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Joaquin. The Executive Order, which operates retroactively to Tuesday, September 29th, allows Virginia state and local emergency responders to begin to prepare for the effects of the rain forecast across the Commonwealth Thursday and Friday, as well as the potential that Hurricane Joaquin will impact Virginia early next week.

HELPFUL LINKS

[Loudoun County Flood Web Portal](#) - provides many useful links and tips for these types of events

[Alert Loudoun Portal](#)
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LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APP



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office recently launched the first-ever law enforcement app for Loudoun County. More information on the app can be found [here](#). You can also sign up for Alert Loudoun through the app.

TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES

Virginia Dominion Power - click [here](#).
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NEWSLETTER AND ABSENTEE VOTING CORRECTIONS

No Towers on 50 - In my September newsletter, we had an incorrect link for the No Towers on 50 website. The correct link is www.notowerson50.org

Absentee Voting - One of the dates for absentee voting at the Dulles South Multipurpose Center was listed as Friday, October 31 from 9 am until 5 pm. This should be Saturday, October 31. Voting on Friday, October 30 will be held from 4 to 8 pm. Voting on Saturday, October 31 will be held from 9 am until 5:00 pm.

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