



**NEWS RELEASE
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**PREPARE NOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTS
FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE**

PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 10, 2018 – While the exact storm track of Hurricane Florence remains uncertain, major flooding, storm surge and wind damage are likely across the Commonwealth of Virginia. As the potential for severe weather from the storm moves near or into our region later this week and into the weekend, the residents in the Town of Purcellville and Loudoun County can expect the possibility of high winds, heavy rain, flooding and the potential of street closures and property damage resulting from fallen trees. We are asking that you take the following precautions to help you better prepare for this potential natural emergency:

- Clean out gutters, storm drains, curbs and ditches to allow for the flow of heavy water during peak rain periods. Make sure all drains and storm water areas are clear of trash, trash cans, leaves, branches, and other items that could result in blocked storm drainage and ponding situations.
- Secure or bring inside any items you may have outdoors to include lawn furniture, basketball hoops, trampolines, etc.
- Restock any disaster supply kits along with medications, food, water, clothing, first aid supplies, bedding and other items you may need.
- Be prepared for extended power outages if the storm does interrupt electrical service. Ensure all phones, computers and backup power devices are charged.
- Sign up for the Town (www.purcellvilleva.gov, Alerts button) and County (www.loudoun.gov/alert) alert systems which include emergency information, news releases and traffic information:

The town has begun emergency planning and preparations for this possible event, and emergency operations will be mobilized prior to the storm, if needed. With the onset of tropical storm force winds and rain only a couple of days away, the time to prepare is now. Prepare your home, business and family for whatever impacts this storm may bring to our area.

More information will be distributed as the storm progresses. As always, for all emergencies and life threatening issues during the storm, citizens should call 911.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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