



## News Release



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## Three Emergency Shelters Will Open at 6 p.m. Friday

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Cumberland County will open three emergency shelters at 6 p.m. tonight for residents affected by possible flooding and other issues related to Hurricane Matthew.

Residents may begin reporting to the following locations at 6 p.m.:

- Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Ave., Fayetteville
- Spring Lake Recreation Center, 245 Ruth St., Spring Lake
- South View High School, 4184 Elk Road, Hope Mills

Due to last week's heavy rain and flooding, parts of Fayetteville and Cumberland County are particularly vulnerable to flash flooding. Residents in low-lying, flood-prone areas are strongly encouraged to plan ahead and be prepared to evacuate before road conditions worsen.

Residents seeking shelter are reminded to bring their medications and if possible, blankets and pillows.

Pets will be accepted at all three shelter locations. However, the animals will be housed in a separate section of the facilities. Cumberland County Animal Control staff will be on hand to assist. Crates and bedding for pets will be available.

If you need to evacuate and do not have transportation to the shelter or you need other assistance, call the Emergency Operations Center at 910-677-5509.

While high winds and heavy rainfall are not expected to affect the area until Saturday, Cumberland County is activating the shelters this evening in order to give residents time to prepare to evacuate ahead of the storm and flooding.

### Closing Notices

The Cumberland County Animal Control Shelter and all Cumberland County Public Library locations will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 8, due to the weather.