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Hurricane Michael #1

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Hurricane Michael is beginning to make landfall in Florida as a major category 4 storm. The storm is expected to weaken as it moves over land and approaches southeast Virginia and northeast North Carolina late Thursday evening into very early Friday morning.

At this time, the Eastern Shore should begin to experience effects of Michael around 5-6 pm on Thursday. Rain will begin to increase at this time, gradually getting heavier until slowing around 2 am. Up to 3-6 inches of rain is expected for our area. Tropical storm force winds are possible, with maximum sustained winds of up to 40 mph with gusts up to 50 mph or higher early Friday morning until about 7 am. Minor tidal flooding is a possibility on the bayside.

Preparation

Emergency Management officials are advising all residents to prepare for high winds by securing outdoor items such as lawn furniture, gas grills, etc. Additional information can be found in your all-hazards preparedness brochure.

At this time, the Emergency Operations Center will not be open and no evacuations are planned. Emergency Management officials are monitoring the storm and participating in regular conference calls for updates.

Residents should continually monitor local media outlets for information regarding the track of Hurricane Michael. Storm movement is subject to change.