



## Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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### CEMA Enters the Readiness Phase for Hurricane Idalia

**Chatham County, GA (August 29, 2023)** – The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has entered the Readiness Phase (Operating Condition 3) and is closely monitoring Hurricane Idalia. CEMA is currently coordinating response efforts with local, regional, and state agencies. In the next 24 hours, Chatham County could receive Tropical Storm force winds. Currently, Chatham County is under a Tropical Storm watch and a storm surge watch.

The greatest impact to Chatham County could be heavy rainfall, with predictions of up to 3-6 inches, coastal flooding, 2-4 feet of storm surge, rip currents, and Tropical Storm winds. Residents in low-lying areas should stay alert for possible flooding. A risk of severe weather, including tornadoes spawned by Idalia also exists.

What you should do today:

- Secure loose items that could be affected by winds.
- Prepare for potential power outages due to high winds and isolated tornadoes.

Residents can sign up for CEMA Alerts at [chathamemergency.org](http://chathamemergency.org) or text CEMA to 77295 to receive up-to-date information as it becomes available. Residents are also encouraged to stay tuned to local radio or television for current weather information.

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