A Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for St. Johns County

Ernesto weakens to Tropical Depression status over Southern Florida Peninsula ... Tropical Depression Ernesto is located about 115 miles West Southwest of West Palm Beach Florida. Maximum sustained winds are near 35 MPH. Ernesto is moving toward the North near 10 MPH. This general motion is expected to continue today along the Florida Peninsula. On this track the center should move over the Atlantic waters late tonight.

Hurricane Local Statement | National Weather Service Jacksonville, Florida

Ernesto has weakened below Tropical Storm strength. Rain will overspread much of Northeast Florida during the afternoon and spread into Southeast Georgia by this evening. Residents in the warned areas of Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia should be prepared for possible Tropical Storm conditions beginning this evening, mostly along the immediate coast. Winds will begin to increase along the Coast of Northeast Florida this evening and may briefly reach 40 MPH with higher gusts over the coastal waters and the immediate beaches. Localized maximum rainfall amounts in the coastal areas are expected to be in the 2 – 4 inch range with 1 – 3 inch amounts further inland. The threat of tornadoes with this system will not be significant. Small craft should remain in port.

Beachgoers should avoid driving onto the beach near high tide as beach driving may be restricted. Beachgoers should avoid going into the water during tropical storm conditions.

Preparedness Information

- Monitor Local TV and Radio for weather updates
- Stock | Restock your disaster supply kit
- Review your Family or Business Disaster Plan
- Marine Interests | Boating Community should review their Disaster Plans
- RV | Campgrounds should review their Disaster Plans
- Nursing Homes | Assisted Living Facilities should review their Disaster Plans
- Secure loose items in your yard and around your business
- Secure boats away from bridges
- Prepare for the possibility of local power outages

St. Johns County Emergency Protective Actions

- St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is monitoring Tropical Storm Ernesto.
- St. Johns County has declared a Local State of Emergency.
- St. Johns County public schools are open.
- All government offices are open

Hurricane Websites

www.sjcemergencymanagement.org  www.fema.gov
www.floridadisaster.org

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