



WHEN AN EVACUATION IS ISSUED Checklist

What to do when an evacuation is issued:

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- Plan to be away from your home at least three days. Pack sufficient clothing, personal items, and needed prescription medications. If you are going to a public shelter, listen to the radio and TV for specific instructions on what you should bring.
- Carry proof of residency with you, such as a driver's license, property tax or recent utility bill or receipt, etc. Re-entry into town may be limited to residents only. Carry insurance information and any other important papers.
- Leave promptly. Do not wait until the weather gets bad, because roads may close.
- If you are working out of town and need to return to evacuate your family, you will be allowed to do so if it is safe.
- Shut off and secure propane tanks before you evacuate.
- Evacuations are generally ordered during daylight hours and take several hours to complete.
- The order for evacuation will be publicized on local radio and TV stations.
- Follow the City website, www.southportnc.org or the **Southport NC Emergency Information** Facebook page to get timely updates. <https://www.facebook.com/SouthportNCEmergency/>
- Emergency personnel may also broadcast evacuation information as they patrol. In some cases, they may go door-to-door.
- Inform a family member of your plans.
- Turn off the water at the shut-off valve (not the Town's meter) and electricity at the switch or fuse.
- Lock your house.

Brunswick County Evacuation Shelters

- Locations will be announced when info from Brunswick County is available.
- Take clothing, medications, sleeping items, books. NO alcohol is allowed. Only some of the shelters may allow pets.

Make a final check, secure your home and leave in an orderly fashion. Under no circumstances elect to remain in your home if a Mandatory Evacuation is issued.

- If you are going to the identified county evacuation center, go there immediately after departing the island. If you are going elsewhere, you may want to let your friends know where you can be located.
- The Police Department will block roads and not allow anyone into town once a storm hits.