



George County Board of Supervisors
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George County updates and reports on Hurricane Ida

Ida Release #4A: Aug. 31, 2021

- GC Solid Waste Crews will resume household garbage and trash pickup on Tuesday, Aug. 31. County crews will run the “Monday Route” and use the “One-Day Behind” schedule the remainder of the week.
- Supervisor Larry McDonald (Dist. 3) is reporting minor road damage caused by storm water wash out on Ellis Hodge Road, Hillard Howell Road, Mt. Pleasant Road and Wilkerson Ferry Road. These roads are still open to traffic but all drivers are asked to use caution around marked damaged areas.



- Supervisor Kelly Wright (Dist. 2) reports standing water and slow running water across several County roadways as rain water continues to drain into local creeks and rivers. Drivers should use caution on and around Beesley Road, Dean Nursery Road, Stonecypher Road.
- George County EMA Director John Glass reports:

- Tropical storm force winds of 40-45 mph and some gusts of 55 mph recorded during the peak of Ida. Rainfall totals are between 9 to 12 inches throughout the County.
- There were approximately 350 power outages across the County due to severe weather. Large trees were reported down on Hwy. 613 near Cedar Ridge, Hwy. 26 near Benndale Bridge, and Barton Agricola Road before 7 a.m.
- There were also two tornado warnings, with one near the City of Lucedale around 4 a.m., however there were no confirmations of touchdowns.
- There are no reports of personal injuries or property damage due to Hurricane Ida.
- The Benndale Storm Shelter remained open until Tuesday, Aug. 31 in George County. Both shelters were staffed by volunteers from the American Red Cross and patrolled by the GC Sheriff Department.
 - To date, more than 50 citizens have stayed at the County shelters in response to Hurricane Ida. The Agricola Storm Shelter was closed around Noon (Aug. 30).
- GRHS Community Medical Center re-opened the COVID-19 Outdoor Treatment Area at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.
- Supervisor Henry Cochran, Board President, says all County offices reopened Monday morning (Aug. 30, 2021) with regular operations.
- For the most updated weather information follow EMA's Facebook page at Facebook/GeorgeCountyMsEmergencyManagement and the County's website www.georgecountyms.gov
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