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Flooding from Daily Rainfall and King Tides Projected to Continue Through the Week in Volusia County

VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA – According to the National Weather Service, a stalled weather pattern over Florida producing widespread rainfall throughout Volusia County is expected to continue through the weekend. In addition, seasonal king tides are also affecting the region and hindering drainage.

King tides significantly elevate water levels in low-lying areas near tidally influenced waterways, including the Halifax River, Mosquito Lagoon, Tomoka River, Spruce Creek, Turnbull Creek, and other inland tributaries. During these events, higher-than-normal tides push seawater inland, reducing or even blocking the normal outflow of rain and stormwater. When the tides are elevated, there is simply nowhere for the rainwater to go, and water backs up even when stormwater systems are working as intended.

Residents are encouraged to take a few simple precautions to help reduce water pooling around their homes and ease demand on neighborhood drainage systems. Keeping culverts and stormwater grates clear of yard waste, branches, and trash is important, as even small blockages can slow rainwater drainage. Clearing gutters and downspouts also directs rainwater away from roofs and foundations, which can prevent damage to property. These steps protect individual homes and benefit the entire community by enabling stormwater systems to function as designed.

Volusia County is monitoring the rainfall and flooding, and continues to clear canals, inspect pumps, and remove debris from drainage areas during this time to keep stormwater flowing properly.

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