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Residents Advised to Stay Alert as Heavy Rain and Flooding Risks Increase in Volusia County

VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA – The National Weather Service (NWS) has placed Volusia County under a Flood Watch in effect until 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. Residents are advised to prepare for periods of heavy rainfall and hazardous surf conditions expected to continue through the weekend. The NWS has forecast widespread showers and storms, with coastal counties most likely to receive 1 to 3 inches of rain, with some areas possibly seeing up to 5 inches through Sunday.

Currently, the forecast does not specify which areas of Volusia County are expected to receive the highest rainfall totals. Forecasters emphasize that localized amounts could vary significantly, with some communities receiving much heavier rainfall than others. If higher totals are realized, flooding impacts could extend beyond roads and properties in low-lying coastal areas near streams and canals.

Public Works crews are already deployed across Volusia County to support storm preparations. Drainage maintenance staff are actively monitoring stormwater systems, canals, and ditches to ensure storm runoff is conveyed as safely and effectively as possible. Crews are prepared to respond quickly to remove debris or other obstructions that could restrict water flow within County-maintained drainage systems.

A High Surf Advisory is in effect through Saturday, with rough surf of 5 to 8 feet and a high risk of rip currents. Moderate beach and dune erosion is also possible, especially during high tide cycles.

Residents are urged to monitor official weather updates, avoid driving through flooded roadways, and stay out of the ocean while following directions from lifeguards and beach patrol. Volusia County will continue to provide updates and encourages the public to monitor official sources, including Volusia County's social media channels, the Volusia County Emergency Management app, and the National Weather Service.

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