



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

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Hurricane Zeta Update #2

City of Gulf Shores and Surrounding Areas Now Under Tropical Storm Watch and Storm Surge Watch

Gulf Shores, Ala. – City of Gulf Shores Officials continue to monitor the developments of, what is now, Hurricane Zeta. The National Weather Service has issued a tropical storm watch and storm surge watch for our local area.

As of the 5 p.m. CST briefing issued by the National Weather Service, Zeta is forecast to make landfall somewhere along the northern Gulf Coast on Wednesday evening near the Louisiana/Mississippi border.

While specific impacts will depend on Zeta's final strength and track, our local area will likely see the threat of dangerous storm surge of 4 to 6 feet, surf heights of 8 to 12 feet, deadly rip currents, strong winds, coastal flooding, and isolated tornadoes. Residents living along the Fort Morgan Peninsula, Plash Island, Little Lagoon, West Beach Boulevard, and other low-lying areas should begin taking all necessary precautions to protect themselves and their property.

Sand is now available for residents at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex, located at 19025 Oak Road West. Sandbags and shovels will not be provided but can be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores.

Residents should begin making all necessary storm preparations. See the following storm preparedness tips.

- **Stay Weather Alert** - Pay extra attention to local weather reports until the storm has moved through the area. Be sure to keep your weather radio on and your cell phone charged to ensure you can receive weather alerts.
- **Know Your Elevation** – You must know your elevation to understand if your location will be impacted by storm surge. Find your elevation online at <https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/advanced-viewer/>.
- **Gather Information** – Keep a list of local emergency contact information. Find contact information at www.gulfshoresal.gov/resourcedirectory.
- **Plan and Take Action** – Be sure to have a safety plan in place for you and your family. This includes planning for essential medications, contact information, food, water and pets.

- **The First 72 Are On You** - Shelters are not available during the first 72 hours after a storm passes, and residents should plan accordingly. Prepare by creating disaster kits that contain enough food, water and essential supplies that will last seven days after the storm arrives. Individuals should consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.
- **Fuel Up** – Go ahead and fuel all vehicles and generators in the event that fuel is not available after the storm.
- **Prepare for High Winds** – Bring loose, lightweight objects (e.g., patio furniture, garbage cans, and bicycles) inside; anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside (e.g., gas grills and propane tanks); and trim or remove trees close enough to fall on buildings.
- **Turn Around, Don't Drown** – In the event of a roadway covered by water, do not attempt to drive over the flooded road. The water depth may be misleading, and you could end up stranded or trapped.
- **Evacuate When Necessary** – If an evacuation notice is issued, leave. Research possible evacuation routes and make arrangements before the storm, so you have somewhere to go.

Residents are asked to STOP bringing any additional debris to the roadside in order to protect personal property and surrounding property. Concentrated piles of debris present a higher risk of being picked up by heavy winds. Any hazardous materials that are currently placed at the road should be brought back inside to garages or other storage areas. City crews will not pick them up in preparation for Hurricane Zeta.

For the latest updates and advisories, continue to follow local media and the National Weather Service Mobile at www.weather.gov/mob/ for continued weather updates. The City of Gulf Shores will continue to share updates through our City's website and on our social media channels. To receive updates via email or text message, please visit www.gulfshoresal.gov and click on "Notify Me."

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