



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

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Hurricane Ida - Update #2

Hurricane Ida Expected to bring Heavy Rainfall and Coastal Flooding to the Gulf Shores Area

Gulf Shores, Ala. – City of Gulf Shores officials continue to monitor Hurricane Ida. As of the 5:30 p.m. CST advisory issued by the National Weather Service, Ida is forecast to enter the Gulf and strengthen into a major hurricane, making landfall near New Orleans, LA Sunday.

The City of Gulf Shores and surrounding areas remain under a Tropical Storm Watch and a Storm Surge Watch, indicating potential local impacts, including damaging winds, life-threatening storm surge, and significant rainfall are possible. Double red flags are currently flying in Gulf Shores, signifying the presence of deadly rip currents and indicating that the waters are closed. Those who enter the water are subject to a fine and possible arrest.

Due to the significant rainfall expected from Hurricane Ida, coastal flooding is possible. Residents living along the Fort Morgan Peninsula, Plash Island, other low-lying areas, and those residing in mobile homes, campgrounds, and RV parks, should be prepared to seek higher ground and protect themselves if necessary.

Residents are asked to STOP bringing any additional debris to the roadside in order to protect personal property and surrounding property. Piles of debris can impede the flow of water and clog drainage systems creating flooding conditions. 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 Ida. If you notice a situation that would cause flooding conditions and need assistance, contact the City of Gulf Shores Public Works Department at 251-968-1156.

A limited amount of sand is still available for residents at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex, located at 19025 Oak Road West. **Sandbags and shovels are not provided,** but can be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores.

Residents should continue to closely monitor the progress of Hurricane Ida through local media and the National Weather Service Mobile at www.weather.gov/mobile

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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