



# Town of Wrightsville Beach

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## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS PURCHASE VEHICLE TAX DECALS AT THE LANIER PARKING OFFICE

## BUSINESSES, PROPERTY MANAGERS, CONTRACTORS RE-ENTRY PASSES AVAILABLE AT WB POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Wrightsville Beach requires that property owners purchase a vehicle tax decal. This annual tax, required per Town ordinances 70.35 - 70.39, is to be paid annually on or before the first day of April of each year. Vehicle tax decals also serve as identification for re-entry onto Wrightsville Beach in the event of a mandatory hurricane evacuation. It's important to purchase your vehicle tax decal before April. The sale of decals is suspended when a Hurricane Warning (hurricane conditions expected within 36 hours) is posted.

You may purchase your decal at the Lanier Parking office located at 321 Causeway Drive (910-256-5453). The office is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. seven days per week from March through October. (Monday through Friday, November through February).

Decals are \$15 each until April 1st. After April 1st, the decals are \$30 each. Please bring a valid driver's license with your Wrightsville Beach address. If your Wrightsville Beach address is not on your driver's license, please bring another piece of documentation with your name and Wrightsville Beach address such as a water bill. If you need more than two decals, please bring the registration for each vehicle.

**Businesses, Marinas, Boat Owners, Contractors, Property Managers, and Caretakers:** Hurricane re-entry passes are issued by the Wrightsville Beach Police Department and are available for pick up starting April 1 of each year. Passes may be obtained at the front desk of the Police Department, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding holidays. Applicants must bring a valid driver's license or ID card, and proof of relationship to the business, marina, or property in which you are associated. Passes should be retained for the duration of the season. For additional details, please call the Wrightsville Beach Police Department at 256-7945.

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### **TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH UNDER HURRICANE WARNING; STORM EXPECTED TO HIT NORTH CAROLINA**

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** – The National Hurricane Center has upgraded the Hurricane Watch to a Hurricane Warning (Hurricane conditions expected within 36 hours). There is a strong possibility that the Town of Wrightsville Beach will receive some of the effects of this hurricane if it continues on the same path and speed as it is now traveling within the next \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

All residents are advised to board up windows or protect them with storm shutters. Moor boats securely or evacuate them to a safe area. Secure outdoor furniture, building materials, toys, garden tools, garbage cans, sailboats and any other harmful objects that could blow around in high winds. Keep your vehicles fueled and familiarize yourself with the locations of emergency shelters and the best possible routes to them.

Town officials are in constant contact with emergency management officials and the weather service and will provide ample warning and time to evacuate should it become necessary.

Stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for any additional information.

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### **TOWN OFFICIALS RESTRICT TRAFFIC FLOW INTO WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH**

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** – Due to heavy traffic into the Town of Wrightsville Beach during this hurricane Watch/Warning, it has become necessary to restrict the flow of traffic across the drawbridge. The Mayor of the Town of Wrightsville Beach has signed a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency and has ordered all unauthorized traffic prohibited from entering the Town limits.

The only persons or vehicles authorized to enter the Town are property owners and other authorized personnel. If you are attempting to enter the Town, you will be required to have a Town vehicle sticker or be otherwise authorized.

Any unauthorized persons attempting to enter the Town will be in violation of a Town Ordinance and will be denied access.

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### TOWN OFFICIALS ORDER AN EVACUATION FOR THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH; RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK SHELTER INLAND

The National Hurricane Center has upgraded the latest hurricane warning and it now appears that Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ will make landfall somewhere between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sometime around \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE). The Mayor of the Town of Wrightsville Beach has signed a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency and has ordered the evacuation of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, NC.

All residents are cautioned to stay calm, evacuate their home and proceed to a safe location. The Emergency Shelters in New Hanover County are as follows:

- 1) **Dorothy B. Johnson Pre K Center** located at 1100 McRae Street, Wilmington, 28401
- 2) **Eaton Elementary School** located at 6701 Gordon Road, Wilmington, 28411
- 3) **Noble Middle School (Pet co-location evacuation shelter)** located at 6520 Market Street, Wilmington, 28405. Pet co-location shelters are opened as needed. Pets are limited to dogs and cats only and they must remain in crates in a separate location of the facility. No other evacuation shelters will accept pets.
- 4) **Trask Middle School (Pet co-location evacuation shelter)** located at 2900 N. College Road, Wilmington, 28405 Pet co-location shelters are opened as needed.
- 5) **Codington Elementary School** located at 4321 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, 28412

Residents are urged to cut off gas valves and turn off the main electrical breaker to their homes and apartments prior to evacuation. Residents should also shut off water valves to their docks and piers. This evacuation should be accomplished by \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE). Residents are warned that once the evacuation has been completed all electrical power, water supply and sewage facilities to the Town will be disconnected.

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### HURRICANE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED TO HIT NORTH CAROLINA; WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** - Wrightsville Beach town staff met with New Hanover County Emergency Management at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m. today and declared a state of emergency for the county. At \_\_\_ a.m./p.m., the Wrightsville Beach Board of Aldermen met and declared a state of emergency for the town.

The board will meet at \_\_\_ p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss further storm updates. Currently, the board has placed a voluntary evacuation on the town with the possibility of a mandatory evacuation at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m., to be completed by \_\_\_ a.m./p.m. This storm is fast moving and is expected to be over Wrightsville Beach between \_\_\_ a.m./p.m. and \_\_\_ a.m./p.m. packing tropical storm force winds between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ miles-per-hour. Storm surge with this hurricane, at the time of impact, will be between \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ feet with an expected \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ inches of rainfall.

The drawbridge will remain in a down position and will be open to traffic up to \_\_\_ mile-per-hour winds and beach electrical power could be cut off when winds are sustained at \_\_\_ miles-per-hour. Traffic control for people traveling eastbound could possibly begin at \_\_\_ a.m. and police officers will be stationed at the bridge.

Residents and visitors who feel they need more time to evacuate should consider doing so at this time. New Hanover County shelters will open at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m. and will be:

- 1) **Dorothy B. Johnson Pre K Center** located at 1100 McRae Street, Wilmington, 28401
- 2) **Eaton Elementary School** located at 6701 Gordon Road, Wilmington, 28411
- 3) **Noble Middle School (Primary pet co-location evacuation shelter)** located at 6520 Market Street, Wilmington, 28405. Pets are limited to dogs and cats only and they must remain in crates in a separate location of the facility. No other evacuation shelters will accept pets.

- 4) **Trask Middle School (Pet co-location back-up site)** located at 2900 N. College Road, Wilmington, 28405
- 5) **Codington Elementary School** located at 4321 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, 28412

For additional information on shelters and maps of the shelter locations, please go to [www.nhcgov.com](http://www.nhcgov.com) and click on the Emergency Information scroll on the top of the page.

“QUOTE FROM TOWN MANAGER,” said Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_.

Town decals, contractor and commercial hurricane passes will be available at Town Hall until \_\_\_\_\_.

The Wrightsville Beach Police and Fire department’s Public Announcement System will be activated at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. to encourage voluntary evacuation.

Although intense winds are anticipated with the storm, Public Works Director \_\_\_\_\_ said that commercial trash pick-up will continue as scheduled begin (Date) \_\_\_\_\_. Currently, Town staff is removing trash barrels from the beach strand and checking all storm drains in anticipation of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ inches of rain. Local flooding is possible.

Due to strong winds expected from the storm, (Town Manager’s Name) encourages property owners to secure all loose items outside of their houses. Also, Town officials advise beach goers not to swim because the threat of rip currents is high.

For more information about rip current safety and press releases from the Town, please visit the Town’s main Web page at [www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com](http://www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com). The information is located in the “News/Events” section on the right side of the page.

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### Wrightsville Beach Post-storm Reentry

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH-** The Wrightsville Beach Board of Aldermen has announced that post-storm reentry for residents and property owners will begin on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. Access will only be granted to individuals displaying an appropriate Town of Wrightsville Beach vehicle decal or reentry pass.

A state of emergency and a curfew remain in effect. Residents will be required to remain on their property between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. and \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

Residents are cautioned to be alert for hazards such as downed power lines, damaged structures, leaking gas, dangerous debris, etc. Call 911 to report an emergency.

Packages containing important post-storm public information will be distributed at the reentry checkpoint.

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### COLLECTION OF STORM DEBRIS

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** - The Wrightsville Beach Department of Public Works has announced the following procedures for collection of storm-generated debris.

1. Curbside pickup of storm-generated debris by the Town debris contractor will begin on \_\_\_\_\_. The town debris contractor is tasked with picking up vegetative, construction, demolition and sand debris from non-FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) public rights-of-way and public property. NCDOT will be the responsible party for picking up vegetative and sand debris from the public rights-of-way of US 74 and US 76.
2. Property owners are responsible for bringing all storm generated debris to the public right of way. The debris contractor **will not** remove debris from private property or private roads (see Town Ordinance § 95.21 below).

**§ 95.21 COLLECTION OF DISASTER RELATED DEBRIS FROM PRIVATE STREETS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY** - *The town shall not be responsible for the collection or removal of debris from private streets or private property resulting from a disaster that causes the town to declare a state of emergency under the provisions of Chapter 93 of the Town Code. Private property owners or homeowner associations shall be responsible for such debris removal. Such debris shall be removed either to the disposal location designated by the town or to the nearest public right- of-way as designated by the town. The Town Manager or his or her designee shall maintain a list of private streets affected by this section.*

3. Property Owners are advised to maintain adequate separation of debris types:
  - Vegetative debris (trees, stumps, limbs, leaves, marsh grass, etc)
  - Construction and demolition debris (C&D) (floating docks, shingles, roofing material, siding, flooring, insulation, carpet, furniture, etc.)
  - White goods (recyclable environmentally sensitive metal appliances such as: refrigerators, washers, driers, A/C units, etc.)

The following types of debris **will not** be accepted by the debris contractor:

- Municipal Solid Waste (household trash, spoiled food, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste (gas cans, solvents, cleaning chemicals, paint, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, etc.)

**Please manage these waste streams in accordance with regular town policy.**

Please watch for Public Services Announcements for further details on storm debris collection.

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### TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH LIFTS STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** – Following a meeting with New Hanover County Emergency Management and other county officials, the Wrightsville Beach Board of Aldermen met at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m., and lifted the town's state of emergency.

The town sustained \_\_\_\_\_ damage, mostly in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

Town Hall will reopen at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ morning. However, if you have a work order request, please call (910) 256-7935, leave a message, and someone will return your call.

Power \_\_\_\_\_ restored to most of the beach, with remaining outages on the \_\_\_\_\_ End expected to be restored by \_\_\_\_\_, according to Progress Energy officials.

Please use caution when driving at night due to road debris and low lying power lines.

Thank you for your patience during Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_.

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### HURRICANE\_\_\_\_\_MOVES NORTH; TOWN SERVICES ROUTINE

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** – As of\_\_\_\_\_a.m./p.m. today, the town is no longer under a \_\_\_\_\_ warning and town services will operate according to the usual schedule.

Although all departments within the town are proceeding with normal business hours and residential services, town officials still caution swimmers about dangerous rip current conditions in the ocean. Currently, rip current flags are posted along the beach strand to warn swimmers of the strong currents.

For more information about rip current safety, please visit the town's main Web page at [www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com](http://www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com). The information is located in the "News/Events" section on the right side of the page.

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