



# Decatur County Emergency Management Agency

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RELEASE #2: Saturday September 9, 2017 2:00 p.m.

**A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR DECATUR COUNTY.**

**THE MAIN IMPACT FOR DECATUR COUNTY WILL BE WIND DAMAGE AND POWER OUTAGES!**

- **Winds in Decatur County are forecast for 58-75 mph sustained with gusts up to 95 mph.**

**Timing for this event for Decatur County is from Sunday evening through late Monday night.**

**Citizens should expect HIGH WINDS and POWER OUTAGES. Power outages could last for an extended period of time, up to a week or more.**

- Make sure you secure outdoor furniture, trashcans, trampolines, or any other loose articles that could be blown away.
- Citizens with **MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRE POWER**: Contact Decatur EMS at 229-246-2867 to add your name to a list of patients that may require oxygen. You must make preparations for extra oxygen as soon as possible. If you have an emergency in the middle of the worst winds, it may be difficult to reach you so please make preparations **NOW**. Remember that power outages could last for several days or more.
- **SHELTERS**: There will be a Temporary Emergency Shelter opening Sunday, 9/10/17, at 2:00 p.m. for **LOCAL CITIZENS** at the Bainbridge Coliseum on Wheat Ave. **LOCAL CITIZENS** should bring pillows, blankets, toiletries, chargers, books for children, and snacks. Citizens should plan to be at the shelter early before hazardous winds begin. Pets are not allowed at the shelter.
- **MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY NOW. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. EMERGENCY CREWS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH YOU DUE TO HIGH WINDS AND DEBRIS IN ROADWAYS.**
- As winds increase through the evening hours, if possible, stay off the roads and inside a reinforced building.
- **DO NOT CALL 911 FOR WEATHER UPDATES. LISTEN TO YOUR LOCAL NEWS OR VISIT [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) for the latest weather information**
- Stay alert and be prepared.