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Duke Energy to Disconnect Power from Some Temporarily Condemned Homes/Businesses within the City of Goldsboro

Goldsboro, NC- Duke Energy and the City of Goldsboro believe that 310 of 396 temporarily condemned homes/businesses must have the power disconnected due to liability and safety concerns related to electrical components being under water. In addition, the structures could have mold, mildew, and/or mechanical problems. We have inspected these structures using a licensed electrical contractor and believe them to be unsafe. Power will be disconnected in the near future, for more information on how to restore power, please contact Duke Energy at 1-800-452-2777.

If you have had flood damage or a temporary condemned sign placed on your property you will need to come to the Inspections Department located at 200 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, and obtain a Building permit at no charge. This permit will allow you to start the repair process to your home. After all repair work has been done and inspections completed, the Inspections Department will remove the condemned sign from the property and the power will be restored. For additional information, please contact the City of Goldsboro Inspections Department at 919-580-4385 or 919-580-4389.

Door hangers are being placed on all homes where power will be disconnected. The City urges residents to check their homes for door hangers and make necessary arrangements if your power will be disconnected.

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For additional information, please contact Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector for the City of Goldsboro at 919-580-4385 or 919-580-4389.

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Shelter Information:

For those who need temporary lodging, School Street School is available. The school is located in the 500 block of West Elm Street across from Dillard Charter Academy and is the county-run shelter for Hurricane Matthew victims. School Street School is a Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority stop twice an hour Monday-Saturday. Additionally, there will be a school bus stop for all students in the shelter.

Please contact the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 919-705-6599 for more information.

FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the W.A. Foster Center:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is located at the W.A. Foster Center located at 1012 South John Street. FEMA has staff that will be available to talk to residents of Wayne County if they experienced loss or damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew and are in need of individual assistance. The DRC will be open: Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

According to FEMA, you will need the following information available when you come:

- Social Security Number
- Address of the damaged home or apartment
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact number
- An address where you can receive mail
- Bank Account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

For individuals who cannot make it to the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and sustained losses in Wayne County, they can begin applying for assistance today by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). If you are unsure you have sustained losses, you should apply to preserve your ability to get assistance. Disaster assistance applicants who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. It is very important that residents call the FEMA line at 1-800-621-3362 and not local emergency management or government offices.

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