



## LAGRANGE GEORGIA

**News Release**  
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### **Residents Encouraged to Avoid Unnecessary Travel Tonight as Hurricane Michael Moves into Area, Most Severe Weather Expected 9 p.m.-2 a.m.**

*LaGrange, Ga. October 10, 2018* – Residents are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel tonight as Hurricane Michael, now a Category 4 Hurricane, moves into the area.

Troup County should start seeing wind impacts around 9 PM with gusts up to 39 mph and 2-3 inches of rain possible until 2 a.m.

The Troup County Emergency Management Agency met with surrounding agencies to confirm emergency plans.



*Troup County EMA Mtg*

Strong winds are expected from 9 p.m to 2 a.m. Wednesday night (10/10) and could limit the ability of electric crews to respond safely to power outages until Thursday morning after the storm has passed.

According to City of LaGrange Utility Director Patrick Bowie if outages are widespread, contact

the City of LaGrange only if your neighbor's power is on and your power is still out.

“City crews are preparing to respond to any damage that may occur as Hurricane Michael passes by LaGrange. We also have contract crews in town to assist with power restoration,” said Bowie.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience as we address utility issues over the next few days.”

Here are a few more tips to consider:

- Charge your cell phone now
- Fill your vehicle’s gas tank
- If you see downed power lines, don’t touch them and call your utility company
- Bring your pets inside or provide safe shelter
- Don’t call 911 unless the power outage is life threatening
- Don’t call the utility company if everyone in your neighborhood has power
- Do call the utility company if you are the only one without power.
- Please stay home between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m.

To learn more about what to do when the power goes out go to <https://harris.lagrange-ga.org/utilitydocuments/WhattoDoWhenthePowerGoesOut.pdf>. For updates on the storm, please follow the City of LaGrange-Government or the City of LaGrange Utility on Facebook or Twitter for periodic updates.

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