### NORTH CAROLINA 7-DAY FORECAST Monday, May 4, 2020



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Hurricane Katrina Before & After

Storm surge inundation can be devastating!



## Impacts of Storm Surge & Inundation

Storm surge and large waves from tropical cyclones pose the greatest threat to life and property along the coast. Storm surge DOES NOT factor into hurricane categories.

<u>Storm Surge</u> = Water pushed towards the shore by wind swirling around the storm. <u>Storm Tide</u> = The water level rise due to storm surge + astronomical tide.

Information and photos courtesy of NOAA/COMET/Kimberly King



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# **Storm Surge**

- Storm surge is the abnormal rise of water above normal tide levels.
- Occurs where winds are blowing onshore.
- Highest surge is where strongest winds occur.
- Caused by strong winds during hurricanes or tropical storms





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## **Develop an Evacuation Plan**

If you live in an area that would be unsafe during a hurricane and would need to evacuate, make sure you know:

> Your evacuation destination How you would evacuate Friends or relatives in safe areas Everyone has a plan

> > NC

# EVACUATION ROUTE



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