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Religious Community Services (RCS) Accepting Donations at Christ Church

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County Emergency Management continues to receive an outpouring of citizens and groups requesting to make donations to assist those impacted by flooding. Smaller quantities of non-palletized items or unsorted items that are new and in original packaging should be delivered to one of the following community partners:

Religious Community Services (RCS) has updated its donation sites:

RCS is collecting cleaning supplies at Christ Church (320 Pollock Street, New Bern) daily from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

RCS will be accepting personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items, etc. at Omega Center (822 Cedar Street, New Bern) from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Salvation Army - The Salvation Army (located at 1402 Rhem Avenue in New Bern) will also be accepting donations of clothing, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items. To schedule a donation drop off or to request assistance from the Salvation Army call 252-637-2277.

Palletized donations or large quantity, sorted donations of blankets, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and non-perishable food items can be delivered to the Central Receiving and Distribution Point (CRDP) established by Craven County Emergency Management. The CRDP is located at the Amital Warehouse and Storage facility located at 197 Bosch Boulevard. Clothing is not being accepted at this site. To schedule a drop off, call the Emergency Operations Center at 252-636-6608.

One of the best ways to help out is to donate money to a reputable charity. Be aware of scams that solicit your donation without verifying the charity first.

Volunteer organizations planning on working in the community, please call the Craven County Emergency Operations Center at (252) 636-6608 prior to arrival or beginning any volunteer work.

Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at www.cravencountync.gov, on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Emergency Management Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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