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MEMA asks residents to prepare for tropical weather

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency urges all Mississippi residents to keep a close eye on the remnants of Tropical Depression 5. While the storm is not predicted to reach tropical storm strength, the current forecast does call for heavy rains and gusty winds associated with this storm. The storm is predicted to make landfall sometime Thursday with impacts being felt as early as tonight.

The current forecast from the National Hurricane Center in Miami predicts the storm will remain disorganized but will still affect the coastal counties. This storm is expected to produce heavy rainfall with 3 to 5 inches possible in some areas.

“Our coastal residents are usually well prepared for tropical weather,” said MEMA Director Mike Womack. “But current forecasts call for this storm to intensify and to bring flooding rains inland, which is why we want all our residents to be aware of the dangers from this storm.”

Residents that live in low-lying areas prone to flooding during heavy rainfall should take precautions.

Now is the time for residents to get ready for this and future storms. Planning ahead includes having a fully stocked emergency supply kit.

An emergency supply kit should contain:

- Flashlight and battery-powered radio with extra batteries.
- Canned and non-perishable food.
- Bottled water.
- Toiletry items.
- Pet food and pet supplies.
- Medicine and prescription medication.
- Copies of important family papers and documents.

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