

## **Town of Southern Pines to Test Generators and Continuity of Operations**

With Hurricane Season in full swing, the Town of Southern Pines will test generator capacity throughout the municipality's many facilities. Staff in those buildings will continue to work throughout the testing which will run from 9am to 3pm Thursday, August 8. This is a previously scheduled test.

The Town's facilities staff will manage the change over from primary power to back-up power. They will also check on each generator and associate switches throughout the day to insure proper operation and then move each facility back to its primary power. Town Utilities and Public Works Staff will also test portable generators to insure our mobile assets are ready for deployment as needed at the same time as the facilities generator test. Buildings without backup generators will remain on primary power.

"We test our generators on our water and sewer systems regularly, and have portable generators we test throughout the year to ensure those systems work without delay," said Michael Cameron, Fire Chief and Director of Public Works. "Our largest buildings, including our Community Development, Library, Police, and Fire Stations are on backup generators and this is the time to test those systems and our processes before we get into the high risk hurricane season."

Residents and business owners are encouraged to identify their vulnerability to power outages and as necessary test backup and portable generators for critical systems. Other suggestions for preparing for power outages can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

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