

NC House Adjourns



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NC House Adjourns, Passes Resolution in Support of Ukraine

PEACE. The North Carolina adjourned the 2021 Long Session last week, making it the longest Long Session in history. One of the final acts of the session was to pass a resolution in support of Ukraine as that country and its people defend themselves against Russian invasion. You can read the [resolution here](#).

Environmental Enhancement Grant Deadline of March 31

The Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) program through the NC Department of Justice released its request for proposals last week. Letters of intent are due on March 31 and completed proposals are due May 26.

The EEG program funds three-year grant projects of up to \$500,000 from nonprofit organizations, including academic and government institutions, that improve air, water, and land quality in North Carolina. There is a preference for projects in or benefiting underserved or overburdened communities, such as those with vulnerable populations or environmental justice concerns. EEG funds have previously been used for projects including green jobs, wetland

restoration, land acquisition, stormwater remediation, stream stabilization, and buffer installations.

The EEG program was established in 2000 with funds from a 25-year agreement between then-Attorney General Michael Easley and Smithfield Foods.

More information about the 2022 grant cycle is [available here](#). A voluntary interest meeting for further information will be held March 22, 2022, at 10 a.m. Email eeg@ncdoj.gov for more information.

Governor Cooper Proclaimed March 6-12 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Governor Roy Cooper proclaimed March 6-12 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week and is urging North Carolinians to prepare for severe weather that's common during spring months.

Tornadoes form during severe thunderstorms when winds change direction and increase in speed. These storms can produce large hail and damaging winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. A tornado can develop rapidly with little warning, so having a plan in place will allow you to respond quickly.

Across the state in 2021, North Carolina recorded 21 tornado touchdowns, 101 large hail storms, 344 damaging thunderstorm wind events, 109 flood or flash flood events, which includes the remnants from Tropical Storm Fred that caused deadly flooding in Western North Carolina.

Emergency Management officials recommend the following safety tips:

- ② Develop a family emergency plan so each member knows what to do, where to go and who to call during an emergency.
- ② If thunder roars, go indoors! Lightning is close enough to strike you.
- ② Know where the nearest safe room is, such as a basement or interior room away from windows.
- ② Know the terms: WATCH means severe weather is possible. WARNING means severe weather is occurring; take shelter immediately.
- ② Assemble an emergency supply kit for use at home or in your vehicle. Make sure to include a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and bottled water.
- ② If driving, leave your vehicle immediately to seek shelter in a safe structure. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle and do not stop under an

overpass or bridge.

② If there is no shelter available, take cover in a low-lying flat area.

Find more information on tornadoes and overall emergency preparedness online at [ReadyNC.gov](https://www.readync.gov).

NC Forest Service Urges Residents to Exercise Caution When Burning Debris

With spring fire season upon us, the N.C. Forest Service is asking residents to prioritize safety and practice caution when burning debris. Escaped fires from burning debris continue to be the leading cause of wildfires in North Carolina. Peak months for the spring fire season run from March through May and fires left unattended can get out of hand quickly and become wildfires.

For those who choose to burn, the N.C. Forest Service is offering the following tips:

- Consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris, such as leaves, grass and stubble, may be used for mulch instead.
- Check local burning laws. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours. Others forbid it entirely.
- Make sure you have a valid permit. You can obtain a burn permit at any N.C. Forest Service office or authorized permitting agent, or online at

https://www.ncforestservice.gov/burn_permits/burn_permits_main.htm.

- Keep an eye on the weather. Don't burn on dry, windy days.
- Local fire officials can recommend a safe way to burn debris. Don't pile vegetation on the ground. Instead, place it in a cleared area and contain it in a screened receptacle away from overhead branches and wires.
- Household trash must be hauled away to a trash or recycling station. It is illegal to burn anything other than natural vegetation.
- Be sure you are fully prepared before burning. To control the fire, you will need a hose, bucket, steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire. Keep a phone nearby, too.
- Never use kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable liquids to speed up debris burning.
- Stay with your fire until it is completely out.
- These same tips apply to campfires and grills as well. Douse burning charcoal briquettes or campfires thoroughly with water. Drown all embers, not just the red ones. When soaked, stir the coals and soak them again. Make sure everything is wet and that embers are cold to the touch. If you do not have water, mix enough dirt or sand with the embers to extinguish the fire, being careful not to bury the fire. Never dump hot ashes or coals into a wooded area.

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