

## NEWS BRIEF

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### **STORM CREWS REPAIR DAMAGES FROM TWISTER IN EMERALD ISLE**

Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC) and storm restoration crews from Rutherford EMC, an electric cooperative based in western North Carolina, have been working most of the morning to remove debris and damaged equipment from a twister that ripped through Boardwalk RV Park causing extensive damage in the area.

“We were fortunate to have these additional crews already here because that meant we had more trucks and manpower to address the damage quickly,” said CCEC Communications Director Lisa Galizia.

CCEC urges people to steer clear of line crews and vehicles.

“Not only is it dangerous, it can hamper our work efforts,” Galizia said. “When we have outages, we need to be focused on the safety of our crews and the work at hand, without having to be concerned about unnecessary vehicles or people in the work area.”

Cooperatives members should keep these safety tips in mind as well:

- Never touch or attempt to clear debris from a downed power line. Always assume that power lines are energized and dangerous.
- Report any downed or fallen power lines to your electric cooperative.
- Stay tuned to local forecasts and your electric cooperative for the latest information on the storm and safety.
- Never drive through flooded areas.

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