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Tropical Depression #16 to Bring Potential for Heavy Rainfall on Tuesday and Wednesday

A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued for Palm Beach County. A Tropical Storm Warning means Tropical Storm conditions are expected to reach the area with 36 hours. The Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management is issuing flood safety reminders in expectation of the heavy rainfall and flooding possible for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Forecasts suggest 2-day average rainfall amounts of 3-5 inches over eastern parts of Palm Beach County from 8 AM Tue to 8 AM Thu, with 2-3 inches over the western parts of the county. This type of weather pattern favors the development of heavy rain bands which could produce **even higher** rainfall values. Significant flooding entering structures is possible, especially in historically flood-prone areas. Present indications are that the Southeast Florida metro areas are more likely to see greatest flood potential. A Flood Watch means that the potential exists for **significant** flooding affecting property.

With this severe weather potential PBC also reminds residents of the www.ReadySouthFlorida.org preparedness website. The website provides tips on how to develop an emergency plan for the home and business, create an emergency kit and be informed during a disaster.

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS:

- **Do not drive through a flooded area:** Don't drive around road barriers, or through large puddles. Hidden debris may be just under the surface that could disable your car.
- **Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires:** Electrocution is also a major killer in floods. Electrical current can travel through water.
- **Do not play in standing water:** If water is stagnant for extended periods, there is a potential for contamination. Playing or remaining in standing water should be avoided.

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