

A tropical storm warning has been issued for portions of the North Carolina and mid-Atlantic coasts due to a building storm that will track near the coast until this weekend and bring strong winds, lots of rain, hazardous rip currents, and coastal flooding to places from Florida to New England. The National Hurricane Center has designated the region of low pressure, which it is calling Potential Tropical Cyclone 16, as having 35 mph winds off the east coast of Florida. Additionally, a storm surge warning was issued for a portion of the same coastline, with a potential surge of up to 4 feet from Surf City, North Carolina, to the Virginia Tidewater. On Saturday, major to moderate flooding is expected in a number of locations around Delaware Bay and in the Virginia Tidewater as a result of the storm's powerful winds pushing water into rivers along the coast. The mid-Atlantic region is forecast to experience the heaviest winds on Friday for parts of the Carolinas and on Saturday for the remainder. The combination of these wind gusts and the soggy ground may cause trees to fall, resulting in property damage and power outages. According to NOAA, multiple highways, homes, and businesses may be submerged in areas where significant flooding occurs. gloomy weekend weather brought on by storm along the East Coast Numerous raindrops Rain may start falling in certain areas of the Carolinas and Virginia on Friday as the coastal storm grows more structured. On Thursday, as the storm gradually coalesced, rain and storms began to develop over portions of Florida's northeast coast and far southeastern Georgia. Coastal dangers The storm will stir up treacherous waves as it moves north, increasing the risk of severe rip currents along much of the East Coast. The places around the coast will continue to receive the majority of the rainfall, but inland regions will also experience stormy weather, which might thwart outdoor plans.