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## Roanoke Regional Airport Commission Prepares for Hurricane Sandy

The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission (RRAC) is taking steps today to prepare for possible weather impacts related to Hurricane Sandy. RRAC is working with airlines to make sure items on the airfield are secure, testing backup generators, securing construction items and clearing storm drains in advance of the storm.

The airport is closely monitoring the forecast and will keep passengers informed of any updates. Currently, US Airways and Delta Airlines have both relaxed their change fees for passengers booked on flights in and out of Roanoke between October 29 and 31<sup>st</sup>. Passengers should contact their airline regarding any delays or rebooking issues. US Airways can be contacted at 1-800-428-4322 or [www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com). Delta Airlines can be contacted at 1-800-221-1212 or [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com). Though United Airlines and Allegiant Air have not made any announcements related to Hurricane Sandy, United Airlines may be reached at 1-800-864-8331 or [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) and Allegiant Air may be reached at or [www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com).

RRAC will update the official Facebook (Roanoke Regional Airport) and Twitter (@flyROA) accounts regarding storm impact and will retweet airlines' postings as they make changes related to Hurricane Sandy. The airport's website, [www.roanokeairport.com](http://www.roanokeairport.com), will also be updated and flight status information for arrivals and departures is available on the home page as well.

*The Roanoke Regional Airport is the primary commercial airport for Southwest Virginia; it serves more than 640,000 passengers per year with non-stop service to nine cities and one-stop access to nearly 500 cities around the world. The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission is responsible for an annual economic impact of nearly quarter of a billion dollars.*

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