

News Release

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Charleston County Severe Weather Update #12

<u>Charleston County Government</u> will begin damage surveys duties today and tomorrow and continue assisting local municipalities with resources.

Charleston County is communicating with our tri-county partners to set up a volunteer coordination effort to match needs and volunteers. We will utilize our Citizen Emergency Information Line at **843-746-3900** as this effort evolves and provide updates as needed.

Charleston County Government Offices:

- Charleston County's Judicial Center courthouse hearings will not be held tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 6. Jurors scheduled for duty do NOT have to report.
- Charleston County offices will be OPEN tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 6.
- The Charleston County Landfill will be OPEN tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 6 and recycling collection will resume.

Road Update:

- Harbor View Road will be closed and a detour route will be in affect at 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. This will be in an effort to
 reduce standing water on the roadway by use of pumps that will need to cross Harbor View Road. The detour
 will be between Fort Sumter Drive and Quail Drive. Residents will have access to their homes at all times. Please
 follow instructions on message boards and be aware of crews in the area.
- Main Road and Highway 17 will remain closed on Tuesday, Oct. 6. There are several cars that remain on the roadway that will be removed once the water recedes.

OPCON Level:

The Emergency Operations Center remains at Operational Condition (OPCON) 1, which means a disaster or emergency situation is in effect. It is the highest state of emergency operations. For definitions of all OPCON levels, visit our site here: http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php.

Additional County Information:

Charleston County crews have been evaluating the damage to County roads since the rain began Friday, October 2. The County is compiling the information collected from the inspections and will begin the process of repairing damaged roads once conditions allow.

Currently, we anticipate using County, municipalities, state and contracted crews to repair roads as quickly as possible. However, we ask for the public's patience due to the high volume of work due to the severe weather. We anticipate issuing a schedule for repairs once evaluations have been completed. If you would like to report a damaged County road, please contact **843-202-7600**.

• Sandbags are available to ALL citizens and can be picked up from our service location at 617 Riverland Drive on James Island.

Please note the following shelters available:

- The North Charleston United Methodist Church, located at 1225 E Montague Ave in North Charleston is open (American Red Cross shelter). If you have questions about this shelter, you may call 843-764-2323.
- Charleston County Sheriff's Office Al Cannon Detention Center Work Camp building is open as a shelter, operated by the Sheriff's Office. The work camp is located at the corner of Bridge View Drive and Leeds Avenue in North Charleston. Pets are permitted in the shelter along with their owner.

County officials ask the public to remain off the roads, if possible. **Citizens with questions can call the Citizen Emergency Information Line at 843-746-3900.**

You may stay updated by downloading the free EMD app by searching CC EMD in your carrier's app store. Updates will also be posted on our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Below is contact information for citizens to call and report damage from the severe weather based on where they live:

If you are in the following municipalities call:

- Town of Kiawah 843-768-9166
- City of Charleston 843-724-7320
- Isle of Palms 843-886-9912
- Town of Mount Pleasant 843-884-5184
- Sullivan's Island 843-883-3198
- City of North Charleston 843-740-2564

If you are in the Unincorporated Charleston County or one of the following municipalities call 843-202-6930.

- Town of Awendaw
- Town of Hollywood
- Town of James Island
- Town of Lincolnville
- Town of McClellanville
- Town of Meggett
- Town of Ravenel
- Town of Rockville
- Town of Seabrook Island

For updates, visit the Charleston County website or follow us on our social media platforms:

- Visit our website: www.charlestoncounty.org
 - Emergency Management Department: <u>http://www.facebook.com/EMDChasCo</u>



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