



# News Release

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## Charleston County: Tropical Depression Nine Update # 1

[Charleston County's Emergency Management Department](#) is monitoring Tropical Depression Nine. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains at OPCON 5 and has not been activated, but we have staff ready in case the weather situation changes.

Staff is participating in daily conference calls with local and state partners to remain up-to-date on the storm's path and potential impacts. At this time, it is recommended that citizens stay home Friday, Sept. 2, if they don't need to travel due to possible localized flooding caused by heavy rainfall. We will provide updates as conditions change.

Charleston County emergency officials advise citizens to follow directions on traffic and message boards for road closure information and remind the public, "Turn around, Don't drown." In the event of possible flooding, citizens are asked not to drive around barricades or drive through standing water.

Latest information from the [National Weather Service](#):

- Tropical Depression Nine is expected to strengthen into a Tropical Storm before making landfall on the west coast of Florida and moving northwest through Georgia and South Carolina.
- The system could impact Charleston County on Friday with the potential of heavy rains, wind gusts to 55 mph and flooding.
- U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston is advising recreational boaters stay out of the water as a safety precaution. The system could produce dangerous sea conditions including rip currents, rainfall and high winds.
- Public Works staff will be inspecting known trouble spots as well as checking our stormwater pipes, boxes, and outfalls for blockages. Our crews have been briefed and they are ready to respond to any issue that may come up during or after this storm event.

If you have not reviewed your family disaster plan, this would be a good time to do so along with checking your emergency supply kits.

- **Other important information:**

2016 Charleston County Hurricane guide: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneGuide2016>

- *High Wind and Bridge policy:* <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/bridgeprocedureshighwinds.pdf>
- *Definition of OPCON levels:* <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>
- Charleston County Citizen Alert System: Charleston County residents can register for the Charleston County Citizen Alert System, a free program that allows the public to receive voicemail, text message, and e-mail notifications about emergency situations.
  - Register online at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611698#/login>

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