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## Florence Update # 2: Charleston County Emergency Management Urging Citizens to Prepare for Potential Impacts.

[Charleston County's Emergency Management Department \(EMD\)](#) is calling on citizens to make preparations now for the potential impacts of Florence. Staff has participated in daily conference calls to remain up-to-date on the storm's path and potential impacts. While the path of Florence remains uncertain, citizens should take the time to review emergency plans and check supplies.

"Earlier today, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster reminded citizens preparedness is the best strategy," said Emergency Management Director Jason Patno. "We certainly echo that statement and ask citizens to monitor local media outlets for updates on the storm."

The Charleston County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will move to OPCON 3 at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Sept. 9. OPCON 3 means a disaster or emergency situation is likely or imminent. Full or partial activation of the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center; activate Charleston County Emergency Operations Plan. Staff have participated in conference calls with state and local agencies to remain up-to-date on the potential impacts.

Latest information from National Weather Service: Florence is forecast to be a dangerous major hurricane near the southeast U.S. coast by late next week, and the risk of direct impacts continues to increase. Tropical storm force winds could arrive as early as Wednesday evening.



Download [Charleston County's 2018 Hurricane Guide](#) for information on building an emergency supply kit, preparing your home, evacuation zones routes and other important information.

**Current Charleston County Hurricane Information:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/index.php>

**Definition of OPCON levels:** <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>

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