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Charleston County Moves to OPCON 5: Charleston County Severe Weather Update #20

[Charleston County Government's](#) Emergency Operations Center moved to Operating Condition 5 (OPCON 5) status yesterday at 5:00 p.m.

For definitions of all OPCON levels, visit our site here:

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>.

Charleston County will continue to help coordinate volunteers and donations through the Citizens Information Line at 843-746-3900. The line will not be staffed, but will provide an opportunity to leave a message and staff will respond in a timely manner.

Debris Pick-up

Charleston County crews will continue this week with debris removal in the City of Charleston, Isle of Palms, Johns Island and additional areas as needed. The operation includes vegetation and construction and demolition debris. As of 10-15, crews have picked up 62 truckloads of debris, equaling more than 3,200 cubic yards.

- Do not put debris material in black bags. The items will not be picked up as debris since it cannot be seen and is normally municipal waste.
- If possible, household hazardous waste should be taken to County Convenience Sites for disposal rather than left at the curb.
- Please avoid placing debris near utilities along the road.

Damage Assistance

Early registration is open for the State of South Carolina for flood damage, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Please visit the FEMA website listed below and apply online to start your application.

- <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>
- 800-621-3362

Si sufrió daños causados por las inundaciones, puede solicitar asistencia con FEMA aquí:

- <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/es>
- 800-621-3362

Those without Internet access should note that the Charleston County Public Libraries have computers with Internet access that may be utilized.

Library Branches:

All library branches are operating on a normal schedule expect the Poe Branch on Sullivan's Island. Cleanup and repair will continue this week and the branch is expected to reopen Monday, October 19.

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

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



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