



News Release

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Charleston County Shifts to OPCON 3: Severe Weather Update #15

Charleston County Government's Emergency Operations Center will move to Operational Condition 3 (OPCON 3) status tonight at 6 p.m.

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

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

The Citizen Information Line (843-746-3900) will not be staffed from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. However, citizens can leave a voicemail and their calls will be returned after 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. If you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

Assistance

Early registration is open for the State of South Carolina for flood damage, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Currently, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg counties are on the list of eligible counties for federal declaration for Individual Assistance. This list may later include other counties based on damage assessment reports. If your county is on the current list, you may go ahead and complete an application now. Please visit the FEMA website listed below and apply online to start your application.

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

Those without Internet access, Charleston County Public Libraries have computers with Internet access that may be utilized. Please note, two of the 16 library branches are not open Tuesday, Oct. 6 due to flooding damage. Those include the West Ashley Branch in South Windermere and the POE Branch on Sullivan's Island. Please see attachment for list of library branches.

A local disaster recovery center will be opened at a later date. More information will be provided about this as it becomes available.

Charleston County is also 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.

County Facilities Information:

Court

Charleston County Circuit and Family Court hearings are canceled for the remainder of the week. This includes General Sessions, Common Pleas (jury and non-jury), Grand jury and Family Court.

We have released all jurors who were supposed to report on October 5, 2015 for the remainder of the week. They do not need to report and their jury service is complete.

The Judicial Center will be open starting tomorrow, Oct. 7 for administrative purposes and filings. Hearings will not be taking place the remainder of the week.

Other Facilities

All Charleston County facilities will remain open. The Bees Ferry Landfill and Convenience Centers remain open and recycling collection resumes.

Roadway Closure

Main Road between River Road and Highway 17 in Charleston County remains closed because water remains on the roadway. The County's Public Works Department and the South Carolina Department of Transportation are working to clear the roadway. The County is working to reopen the road. Please check the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Twitter page and local media for updates on the road's condition.

Harbor View Road will be closed and a detour route will be in effect overnight 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.

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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