



January 3, 2018  
Release Number: 4199

# News Release

## MEDIA CONTACT

Shawn R. Smetana, Public Information Officer  
Phone: (843) 958-4007/Fax: (843) 958-4004  
Email: [ssmetana@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:ssmetana@charlestoncounty.org)

## Charleston County Winter Weather Update

[Charleston County Government](#) continues to monitor the severe winter weather impacting the area. The Charleston County Emergency Operations Center moved to OPCON 3 at 2 p.m. today. The Charleston County Citizens Info Line (843-746-3900) remains active.

### Winter Safety:

- Citizens are advised to NOT travel on the roadways until they are deemed safe by local officials.
- Motorists should be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roadways, which tend to freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

### Please note these County closings and information:

- All Charleston County Government offices will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, January 4
- The County Council meeting of Thursday, January 4 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a future time.
- All Charleston County Public Library branches will be closed Thursday, January 4.
  - All library programs are cancelled, and meeting rooms will be closed for any meetings booked by community groups.
  - Book drops will be unavailable while branches are closed, and patrons should not leave items outside the book drop.
  - Any unsecured items left will be the responsibility of the patron. Overdue fines will be waived while branches and book drops are closed.
- DAODAS Charleston Center information:
  - Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) will resume services Friday.
  - The clinic will resume normal business hours on Friday.
  - All outpatient services, including Adolescent Services and ADSAP, are cancelled for Thursday, January 4.
- Charleston County Court schedule:
  - Charleston County Judicial Center and Magistrate Courts will be closed January 4
  - A Bond Court session is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
- Charleston County Recycling
  - Curbside recycling will not be collected Thursday, January 4.
  - Convenience centers and the Bees Ferry Landfill will be closed on Thursday, January 4.
- Warming Shelters Open in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties
  - **Tuesday, January 2:** Sheriff's Office work camp located at 3841 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, SC
  - **Tuesday, January 2:** The Charleston Area Convention Center located at 5000 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, SC 29418

- **Tuesday, January 2:** Aldersgate United Methodist Church located at 1444 Remount Rd., North Charleston
- **Tuesday, January 2:** Fresh Anointing Ministries, located at 551 Myers Road in Summerville
- **Wednesday, January 3:** Goose Creek UMC, located at 142 Redbank Road in Goose Creek and Ridge Baptist Church of Summerville, located at 2168 Ridge Church Road
- **Thursday, January 4:** Ridge Baptist Church of Summerville, located at 2168 Ridge Church Road
- **Friday, January 5:** Ridge Baptist Church of Summerville, located at 2168 Ridge Church Road
- **Saturday, January 6:** Ridge Baptist Church of Summerville, located at 2168 Ridge Church Road

### **Generator Safety/Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Follow the directions supplied with the generator.

#### Carbon Monoxide:

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.
- Keep these devices outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Although CO can't be seen or smelled, it can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY.

For more winter weather tips please visit [Charleston County's Emergency Management](#) page. Updates will also be posted on our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

-----

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

- Visit our website: [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org)
  - *Emergency Management Department:* <http://www.facebook.com/EMDChasCo>



- Written by Charleston County Public Information Office -