

# News Release



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## **Charleston County Plans Shift to OPCON 2 Ahead of Hurricane Helene**

Charleston County will shift to OPCON 2 at 5 p.m. today in anticipation of possible overnight impacts from Hurricane Helene.

County Emergency Management personnel are prepared to respond overnight or activate the Emergency Operations Center, as needed.

### **Latest Forecast:**

Based on the latest information from the National Weather Service, the primary threat to Charleston County remains the potential for tornadoes overnight. Additional impacts may include gusty winds (30-35 mph sustained winds with gusts up to 55 mph) and 1.5 to 2 inches of rain overnight.

A tornado watch and tropical storm warning remain in effect for Charleston County.

Current forecasts show the most significant impacts subsiding by daybreak Friday.

### **County Operations:**

- Out of an abundance of caution, tonight's Dorchester Road Corridor Improvements Project public meeting has been postponed. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.
  - In the meantime, residents can review virtual meeting materials and submit comments online [here](#).
- Charleston County offices and facilities will continue to operate as scheduled today and will open as scheduled Friday morning.
  - All Charleston County Library branches, offices, and book drops will close at 6 p.m. Thursday. Patrons may still access digital resources at [ccpl.org](http://ccpl.org).
- Friday morning's recycling collection will proceed as scheduled.
- There are no plans to staff the county's English or Spanish language Community Information Lines at this time.

### **Resources:**

Residents are encouraged to follow Charleston County Government on social media, download the [2024 Hurricane Guide](#), sign up for the [Citizen's Alert System](#), and have multiple ways to receive weather alerts through radio, TV, and fully charged devices.

For the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts, residents should stay tuned to the [National Hurricane Center](#) and [National Weather Service Charleston](#) websites, as well as local media and [SCEMD's SC Emergency Manager app](#).

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*In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those needing assistance should contact Charleston County at (843) 202-6917 during regular business hours.*

