



# News Release

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## Charleston County Hurricane Michael Update # 1

[Charleston County](#) will move to OPCON 4 at noon today and Emergency Operations staff will continue to monitor Hurricane Michael. Citizens are advised to watch local media and prepare their family and homes for possible impact from Hurricane Michael. [Charleston County Emergency Management](#) has participated in daily conference calls to remain up-to-date on the storm's path and potential impacts.

Latest information regarding Hurricane Michael from the [National Weather Service](#): Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for southeast South Carolina

- Coastal Flooding (high confidence): Mainly minor to moderate impacts during each high tide cycle through Thursday
- Coastal Hazards
  - Life-threatening rip currents through Thursday
  - Some beach erosion likely, especially south-southwest facing beaches around times of high tide
- Winds (moderate confidence):
  - Tropical storm force winds will arrive first in GA and then spread northward into SC as early as Wednesday morning in GA and Wednesday afternoon in SC, but most likely Wednesday night in GA and early Thursday in SC
  - Some downed trees/power lines are likely along with scattered power outages
- Rain (moderate confidence):
  - 3-5 inches with locally higher amounts likely through Thursday Isolated flash flooding possible generally this evening through Thursday, especially near the coast around times of high tide
- Tornadoes (moderate confidence):
  - Isolated tornadoes possible, mainly Wednesday afternoon through Thursday

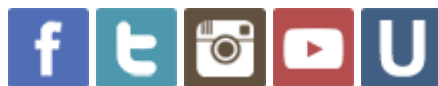
**High Wind Bridge Procedure:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf>

**Current Charleston County Hurricane guide:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/hurricane.php#hpg>

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

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