



# News Release

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## Charleston County Winter Weather Update

[Charleston County Government](#) is closely monitoring the potential for wintery precipitation (snow, sleet, and freezing rain) to impact the area Wednesday. The Charleston County Emergency Operations Center will move to OPCON 4 at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 2. OPCON 4 means the possibility of an emergency or disaster situation that may require a partial or full activation of the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center. The Charleston County Citizens Info Line (843-746-3900) will be open Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

### Municipal Information

- Town of Kiawah Municipal Center will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, January 3.
- City of Isle of Palms Information: In coordination with Charleston County, the City of Isle of Palms will move to OPCON 4 today at 5:00 p.m. City offices and the Recreation Center will be closed tomorrow, January 3. City of Isle of Palms Emergency personnel will be on duty. The Isle of Palms Police Department non-emergency number is 843 – 886 – 6522. There will be no garbage and recycling collection tomorrow. Committee meetings scheduled for tomorrow are canceled and will be postponed to a later date.

### Please note these County closings and information:

- All Charleston County Government offices will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, January 3.
- All Charleston County Public Library branches will be closed Wednesday, January 3.
  - 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 be extending dosing hours today, Tuesday, Jan. 2 until 6:00 pm to provide take home medication for Wednesday and Thursday.
  - The clinic will resume normal business hours on Friday.
  - All outpatient services, including Adolescent Services and ADSAP, are cancelled for tomorrow, January 3.
- Charleston County Court schedule:
  - Charleston County Judicial Center and Magistrate Courts will be closed January 3
  - There will be a Bond Court session at 2:00 p.m.
- Charleston County Recycling
  - Curbside recycling will not be collected Wednesday January 3.
  - Curbside recycling will be delayed by two days due to the New Year's holiday and impending winter weather.
  - Recycling convenience centers and the Bees Ferry Landfill will be closed on Wednesday, January 3.
- 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

### Winter Safety

- 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.

### 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.

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



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