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Charleston County Council Declares a State of Emergency

Hurricane Ian Update #4

Charleston County Council has declared a state of emergency as leaders prepare for impacts from Hurricane Ian. Charleston County has moved operations to OPCON 1 meaning a disaster or emergency is imminent. Buses will continue to transport people to shelters until 6 p.m. or until sustained winds reach 30 mph. Shelters will remain open on Friday, but buses will no longer operate. "There is the potential for major flooding tomorrow," said Charleston County Emergency Management Director Joe Coates. "If you live on a barrier island or a low-lying area that historically floods, and you haven't moved to higher ground, I recommend you relocate now."

Charleston County Government Offices, the downtown Judicial Complex, and all Library branches are closed on Friday, September 30.

Citizens Information Line: Open Thursday, September 28 and Friday, September 29 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- 843.746.3900
- 843.746.3909 (Spanish)

Shelters:

- Pet Shelter located at 3841 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405.
- Dunston Elementary located at 1825 Remount Road, North Charleston, SC 29406.

Shelter Transportation:

- Buses will run to shelters until 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 29. Pickup points are designated with blue hurricane pickup signs. The location of hurricane stops are available in Charleston County's Hurricane Guide which can be found [here](#).

Charleston County Parking Garages:

- Garages located at 85 Queen Street and 90 Cumberland Street are open to the public for parking. Vehicles must be removed by Sunday, October 2 at noon.

Recycling:

- The Bees Ferry Landfill and all County Convenience Centers are closed and scheduled to resume normal operations Monday, October 3.
- There will be no curbside recycling collections on Friday, September 30 or Saturday, October 1. If your recycling service day is Friday, September 30, your service will resume on Friday, October 14, your next scheduled service day.

Probate Court:

- Marriage License applications are available online at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/probate/marriage-license.php#online-marriage-license-application>.
- Probating an estate or for guardianships and conservatorships are available via the EZ filing probate system at <https://ez-filing.net/southcarolina/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fsouthcarolina>.
- For assistance contact Judge Irv Condon at 843.817.2039.

Charleston County Public Libraries:

- Charleston County Public Libraries are closed Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2. Branches are scheduled to resume normal operations on Monday, October 3.
- Book drops and automated material returns will also be closed during this time.

DAODAS (The Charleston Center):

- All outpatient services are cancelled Friday.
- Residential and Withdrawal Management is open but will not be taking any new admissions at this time.
- All services are scheduled to resume normal operations Monday, October 3.

Bond Court:

- Friday afternoon session TBD.
- Saturday 2 p.m. session only.

Charleston County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide can be found at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/hurricane.php#hpg>.

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