



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Charleston County Government Buildings are CLOSED Friday, Aug 26.**

Friday, August 26 Charleston County Government will be closed (except for law enforcement and other essential personnel). The judicial complex is also closed so jurors do not need to report for duty. Court dates and times originally scheduled for August 26 will be rescheduled. All County offices will re-open on Monday, August 29.

Please do not call 9-1-1 unless you have an emergency. Please continue to watch the news media for further updates.

### ***\*Charleston County Remains at OPCON 4 for Hurricane Irene***

[Charleston County Government](#) participated in a conference call today (Friday, Aug. 25) regarding Hurricane Irene. The call was initiated by the [S.C. Emergency Management Division \(SCEMD\)](#) and included representatives from several counties.

The latest information is that Hurricane Irene is moving north. The Charleston County area could experience tropical storm force wind gusts starting this afternoon (Friday) into the evening and night. Charleston County is still at OPCON 4 with Emergency Management staff monitoring the situation.

"Right now in Charleston County, we are expecting high winds and marine activity from Irene. Secure any objects on your property like trash cans, lawn chairs, children's toys, anything that could become a projectile. Stay out of water...this marine activity means rip currents, high seas and beach erosion through Saturday" said Cathy Haynes, [Charleston County Emergency Management Department's](#) Chief of Operations.

**The public can go to [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org) and click on the "Are You Ready?" banner on the front page of the County's Web site to download, print and share:**

- The 2011 Charleston County Hurricane Preparedness Guide (in English and Spanish)
- The 2011 Disabilities and Special Needs Emergency Preparedness Guide
- *NOTE:* The shelter list has changed for the 2011 hurricane season, as the new Stall High School on Ashley Phosphate road has been added to the list. See the complete list of Charleston County shelters at:  
<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/EPD/Shelters.htm>

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