

## **News Release**

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## **Charleston County Hurricane Irma Update #3**

<u>Charleston County Government</u> moved to Operational Condition (OPCON) 2, which means a disaster or emergency situation is in effect. We are at the maximum preparedness level and in full activation of the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center. (For definitions of all OPCON levels, visit our site here: <a href="http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php">http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php</a>).

The Charleston County Citizen's Information line is active and we'll remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8 and will resume on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 8:00 a.m.

## Citizen's Information Line

- (843) 746 3900
- Spanish (843) 746 3909
- TTY (843) 746 3911

At a Special County Council meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017, County Council voted to:

- Adopt an ordinance declaring a state of emergency in Charleston County.
- Authorize Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding Agreement with the State of South Carolina for Hurricane Irma (FEMA).

Please note these County closings and information:

- All Charleston County Government offices will be closed from Friday Sept. 8 Tuesday, Sept. 12
- All Charleston County Public Library branches will be closed tomorrow, Friday Sept. 8 Tuesday, Sept. 12. The
  book drops will be closed during branch closures and we ask patrons to not leave items outside the book drop.
  Any unsecured items left will be the responsibility of the patron. Overdue fines will be waived while book drops
  and branches are closed.
- DAODAS Charleston Center information:
  - o All services to be closed Friday Sept. 8 Tuesday, Sept. 12.
  - Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services will close at 1 p.m. Friday and re-open Saturday September 16 with extended hours of 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. OTP patients will receive take home medication through Friday September 15. If there are any questions related specifically to OTP regarding opening September 16, please call (843) 991-9023.
  - All other Charleston Center services, including detox and inpatient, will tentatively re-open on Wednesday September 13th. Please call helpline at (843) 722-0100 or pay attention to news and/or social media for service status.
- Charleston County Bond Court schedule:

Saturday, September 9, 2017
 Sunday, September 10, 2017
 Monday, September 11, 2017
 Tuesday, September 12, 2017
 10:00am (only)
 10:00am (only)
 4:00pm (only)

Charleston County Recycling

- Curbside recycling services will be suspended the week of September 11, 2017 until further notice.
- Recycling convenience centers and the Bees Ferry Landfill will be closed on September 9, 2017 until further notice.
- Charleston County Zoning and Planning
  - o Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 11 is postponed.
  - o Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Monday, September 11 is postponed.
  - County Council Public hearing on the Parkers Ferry Overlay Zoning District on Tuesday, September 12 is postponed.
- Charleston County Judicial Center and jury duty information
  - o The Judicial Center in Downtown Charleston will be closed Friday, Sept. 8 Tuesday Sept.12
  - All jurors scheduled to report for jury service on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Charleston County Judicial Center do not need to report. Jury service has been cancelled for the week.
  - o Initial appearance and status conference roll calls scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2017 are rescheduled to Friday, September 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
  - Status conference roll call scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 is rescheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- Charleston County High Wind Bridge Procedure: <a href="https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf">https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf</a>

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