



News Release

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Charleston County Severe Weather Update #17

Charleston County will move to OPCON 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Charleston County Emergency Management is asking citizens living near the Edisto and Santee rivers and those vulnerable to rising waters connected to those rivers to closely monitor water levels. County leaders are urging citizens to leave their homes before the situation gets worse and relocate to a safe area. The areas likely to be impacted by the Edisto River include but are not limited to Parkers Ferry Road in Adams Run, Highway 17 near the Charleston / Colleton County line, portions of Jacksonboro. The likely impacted areas of the Santee River include South Santee and Germantown. The severity of the flooding will likely vary from one location to another.

Evacuation Shelters:

Edisto River residents:

- C.C. Blaney Elementary (7184 Highway 162)

Santee River residents:

- Old McClellanville Middle School (711 Pinckney Street)

Main Road:

As of 12:00 p.m. today, Main Road remains open to traffic in both directions. The County's Public Works Department and the South Carolina Department of Transportation are working together to keep the road open but future closures are possible based on tide levels.

Please check the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Twitter page and local media for updates on the road's condition.

County Facilities Information:

The Citizen Information Line (843-746-3900) will not be staffed from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. However, citizens can leave a voicemail and their calls will be returned the following day. If you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

Charleston County is also communicating with our tri-county partners to set up a volunteer coordination effort to match needs and volunteers. We will utilize our Citizen Emergency Information Line at **843-746-3900** as this effort evolves and provide updates as needed.

Court

Charleston County Circuit and Family Court hearings are canceled for the remainder of the week. This includes General Sessions, Common Pleas (jury and non-jury), Grand jury and Family Court. However, a judge is on-call to handle any necessary emergency hearings for Family Court.

The Judicial Center will be open for administrative purposes and filings. Hearings will not be taking place the remainder of the week.

Assistance

Early registration is open for the State of South Carolina for flood damage, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Currently, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg counties are on the list of eligible counties for federal declaration for Individual Assistance. This list may later include other counties based on damage assessment reports. If your county is on the current list, you may go ahead and complete an application now. Please visit the FEMA website listed below and apply online to start your application.

- <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>
- 800-621-3362

Si sufrió daños causados por las inundaciones, puede solicitar asistencia con FEMA aquí:

- <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/es>
- 800-621-3362

Those without Internet access, Charleston County Public Libraries have computers with Internet access that may be utilized. Please note, two of the 16 library branches will not be open for the rest of the week due to flooding damage. Those include the West Ashley Branch in South Windermere and the POE Branch on Sullivan's Island.

A local disaster recovery center will be opened at a later date. More information will be provided about this as it becomes available.

For updates, visit the Charleston County website or follow us on our social media platforms:

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



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