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Charleston County Winter Weather Update

[Charleston County Government](#) continues to monitor the severe winter weather impacting the area. All Charleston County Government offices will be closed tomorrow, Friday, January 5. The Charleston County Emergency Operations Center remains at OPCON 3. The Charleston County Citizens Info Line (843-746-3900) will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Winter Safety:

- Citizens are advised to NOT travel on the roadways until they are deemed safe by local officials.
- 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.

Please note these County closings and information:

- County Council scheduled for Thursday, January 4 is cancelled and will be rescheduled at a future time.
- DAODAS Charleston Center information:
 - Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) will operate on a delayed schedule from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5.
 - All clinic, outpatient services, including Adolescent Services and ADSAP, are cancelled for Friday, January 5.
- All Charleston County Public Library branches will be closed Friday, January 5.
 - 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.
- Charleston County Court schedule:
 - Charleston County Downtown Judicial Center and Magistrate Courts will be closed Friday, January 5.
 - A Bond Court session is scheduled for Friday, January 5, at 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)
- Charleston County Recycling
 - Curbside recycling will not be collected Friday, January 5.
 - Convenience centers and the Bees Ferry Landfill will be closed on Friday, January 5.
 - The Bees Ferry Landfill will be open Saturday, January 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Warming Shelters Open in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties
 - Charleston County Sheriff's Office work camp located at 3841 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, SC
 - Aldersgate United Methodist Church located at 1444 Remount Rd., North Charleston
 - Ridge Baptist Church of Summerville, located at 2168 Ridge Church Road

- Community Resource Center in Summerville will be open as a warming center, daily from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The facility is located at 116 West 2nd North Street.

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.

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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