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Residents encouraged to stay off the water as Tropical Storm Chantal nears S.C. coast

Charleston County Emergency Management officials are monitoring Tropical Storm Chantal as it continues to approach the S.C. coastline. A Tropical Storm Watch and High Surf Advisory are currently in effect.

According to the latest information from the National Weather Service, the storm is currently located off the southeast U.S. coast and is expected to make landfall in the northern part of Charleston County Sunday morning, producing heavy rain, strong winds, and rip currents. The greatest impacts are expected between 10 p.m. tonight and 8 a.m. tomorrow.

With the enhanced risk of rip currents and dangerous conditions throughout the weekend, the public is encouraged to remain off the water.

Rain totals are expected to near 4 inches, with up to 6 inches possible in some areas. Heavy rainfall could produce periods of flash flooding, particularly coinciding with today's 5 p.m. high tide.

Wind gusts could reach 45 mph along the coast, and potentially stronger across high span bridges. As a reminder, Charleston County does not have the authority to close bridges. [Click here](#) to review the county's bridge procedures during high winds.

Due to the likelihood of strong winds, isolated power outages and downed tree limbs are possible.

Residents are encouraged to follow Charleston County Government on social media, download the [2024 Hurricane Guide](#), and sign up for the [Citizen's Alert System](#).

For the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts, residents should stay tuned to the [National Hurricane Center](#) and [National Weather Service Charleston](#) websites, as well as local media and [SCEMD's SC Emergency Manager app](#).

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those needing assistance should contact Charleston County at (843) 202-6917 during regular business hours.

