



# News Release

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## County Council declares State of Emergency ahead of possible impacts from Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine

Following Governor McMaster's issuance of [Executive Order 2025-33](#) declaring a State of Emergency in South Carolina, Charleston County Council held an emergency meeting where they passed an ordinance declaring a State of Emergency in Charleston County.

Late this afternoon, Invest 94L was upgraded to Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine. According to the latest from the National Hurricane Center, the disturbance is forecast to strengthen into a tropical storm this weekend and could be at or near hurricane intensity when it approaches the southeast U.S. coast early next week.

The primary threat to Charleston County is expected to be heavy rainfall and strong winds, which could arrive as early as Monday morning.

As the forecast is likely to continue to evolve, Emergency Management officials will remain in close communication with the National Weather Service through the weekend.

At this time, no operational changes have been announced, and Charleston County continues to operate at OPGON 3. This operating condition may change as additional details about the storm and its path become available. The Emergency Operations Center may activate as needed in accordance with the county's shift in OPGON levels.

Residents are encouraged to follow Charleston County Government on social media, download the [2025 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](#).

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