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Charleston County: Tropical Storm Colin Update # 1

[Charleston County's Emergency Management Department](#) is monitoring Tropical Storm Colin. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains at OPCON 5 and has not been activated, but we have staff ready in case the weather situation changes. Staff has participated in daily conference calls to remain up-to-date on the storm's path and potential impacts. At this time, it is recommended that citizens stay home if they don't need to travel due to possible localized flooding caused by heavy rainfall.

Latest information regarding Tropical Storm Colin from the [National Weather Service](#):

- Tropical Storm Colin will be near the Charleston County coast Monday through Tuesday.
- Rain will be heavy at times with 4 – 8 inches possible in certain areas; flooding and high winds are also potential impacts to the area.
- U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston is advising recreational boaters stay out of the water as a safety precaution. Tropical Storm Colin could produce dangerous sea conditions including rip currents, rainfall and high winds.

If you have not reviewed your family disaster plan, this would be a good time to do so along with checking your emergency supply kits.

Other important information:

2016 Charleston County Hurricane guide: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneGuide2016>

Definition of OPCON levels: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>
Charleston County Citizen Alert System: Charleston County residents can register for the Charleston County Citizen Alert System, a free program that allows the public to receive voicemail, text message, and e-mail notifications about emergency situations. Citizens can sign up to receive critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods or a hurricane evacuation order. When notified, citizens will hear a message that gives details on the emergency and includes instructions on any actions they should take.

Register online at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611698#/login>

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 - Emergency Management Department: <http://www.facebook.com/EMDChasCo>



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