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Charleston County Hurricane Florence Update #4

Charleston County Emergency Management is urging citizens who live in low-lying areas and are concerned about flooding to follow the Governor's order and evacuate. Those needing assistance evacuating to a hurricane shelter can find transportation pickup points on [Charleston County's 2018 Hurricane Guide](#) at Charlestoncounty.org. Buses will run until 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 12. Depending on weather conditions, this may be the last opportunity for citizens to utilize County transportation to a shelter. If you plan to stay at a shelter be sure to bring all medications, food, water, and comfort items including bedding and entertainment for children.

"Hurricane Florence has the potential to bring major flooding for several days to Charleston County. The time to prepare is now. If you live in a low-lying area adhere to the Governor's evacuation order," said Jason Patno, Charleston County Emergency Management Director.

Flooding safety tips from Ready.gov:

- Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwaters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- There could be snakes or other animals in floodwaters. Wear heavy gloves and boots during clean up.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or you are standing in water. If it is safe, turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock.
- Avoid wading in floodwater. The water can contain dangerous debris, and be contaminated.

Charleston County High Wind Bridge Procedure: Charleston County will not "close" a bridge during a high wind emergency. However, when winds speed reach levels noted in our High Wind Bridge Procedure, they will become unsafe for travel. If that occurs, we will put out messaging through local news media and social media platforms.

<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergencymanagement/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf>.

[Charleston County Government](#) has moved to Operational Condition (OPCON) 1, which means a disaster or emergency situation is in effect; full-fledged emergency response operations ongoing; highest state of emergency operations. (For definitions of all OPCON levels, visit our site here:

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>). Charleston County will update all Hurricane Florence related information here:
<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/hurricaneinfo.php>.

You may stay updated by downloading the free EMD app by searching CC EMD in your carrier's app store. 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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