



News Release

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Charleston County Offices Closing at 2:00 p.m. Today

Due to the threat of severe weather forecasted to affect the region this afternoon, Charleston County Government will close at 2:00 p.m. today.

Please note the following information:

- All Charleston County Government offices and the Judicial Complex Downtown will close at 2:00 p.m. today.
- All Charleston County Public Library branches will close at 2 p.m. today. The book drops will be closed during branch closures and we ask patrons to not leave items outside the book drop. Any unsecured items left will be the responsibility of the patron. CCPL expects branches to reopen tomorrow as scheduled, however please check www.ccpl.org and follow the library on Facebook and Twitter for updates. As a reminder, patrons may still access digital materials by visiting www.ccpl.org/digital-collections.
- Charleston County High Wind Bridge Procedure: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf>

Here's the latest from the National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/media/chs/briefings/LatestBriefing.pdf>

Severe Weather: A squall line of severe thunderstorms will cross the area from west to east across the entire region late morning and afternoon. Thunderstorms will reach interior southeast Georgia in the late morning, the Savannah metro by early-mid afternoon and the Charleston and Beaufort metro areas during mid-late afternoon.

Main threats:

- Widespread damaging winds, possibly in excess of 75 mph for parts of southeast South Carolina
- Isolated tornadoes
- Locally heavy rain, but no major flooding problems are expected, although minor urban flooding can occur in the Charleston and Savannah metro areas.
- Some isolated hail possible

Strong Winds: Wind gusts as high as 40-50 mph could occur outside of thunderstorms Friday, roughly along and east of a Walterboro to Tybee Island line. A Wind Advisory is in effect for these areas. A few gusts as high as 55 mph could occur across coastal portions of Charleston County, including the Metro Area's elevated bridges. Winds this high will continue into this evening.

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



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