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Get ready for Hurricane Season with a Digital Preparedness Kit

Charleston County residents are encouraged to get ready for hurricane season by setting up a “digital preparedness kit” to help stormproof your electronic devices and digital information.

“Many people don’t think about protecting smartphones, tablets, computers or other electronics during hurricane season, but technology is a critical response and recovery tool for staying connected to life-saving information before, during, and after a storm,” said Charleston County Emergency Management Director Joe Coates. “When a disaster happens, we want residents to have several ways to receive warnings, alerts, and updates from verified government or local media sources. Identifying those sources ahead of an emergency will keep this community informed, safe, and protected from misinformation.”

Below are some tips for a digital preparedness kit

- Download the Charleston County EMD app.
- Follow Charleston County Government on social media.
 - Twitter: @ChasCountyGov
 - Facebook: Charleston County Government
 - Instagram: chascountygov
 - Nextdoor: Charleston County Government
 - YouTube: CharlestonCountyGov
- Sign up for emergency alerts at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/alert-removal.php>.
- Ensure electronic devices are charged prior to the height of a storm.
- Unplug electronics to protect them from power outages and lightning strikes.
- In the event of power outages, have a portable charger ready to charge devices.
- Scan or take photos of important documents including home insurance information.

Residents are encouraged to read [Charleston County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#). It is also available in [Spanish](#).

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

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