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Berkeley County Florence Update #12

Berkeley County emergency operations moves to 24 hours, announces damage assessment page

MONCKS CORNER, S.C.- (Thursday, September 13) Berkeley County emergency operations moved to 24 hours at 8 a.m. Thursday, September 13 in preparation for Hurricane Florence.

Additionally, Berkeley County Government created a Hurricane Florence Damage Assessment Facebook. Residents are encouraged to “LIKE” this page and utilize it as a tool to capture pictures and notes from the storm. This will also help Berkeley County assess the scope the storm and will aid in the recovery process. Please visit the page here: <https://www.facebook.com/BerkeleyCountyIrmaDamage/>

Berkeley County opened additional shelters on Thursday, September 13, ahead of Hurricane Florence. The following shelters opened at 8 a.m. Thursday.

- Macedonia Middle School
- Cross High School

Berkeley County School District will provide transportation from Cainhoy Elementary to Macedonia Middle School, starting at 8 a.m. Thursday, September 13. The buses will stop running at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The two shelters listed above will open in addition to the five other shelters that are currently open.

- Berkeley Middle School
- Cane Bay High School- This a pet-friendly location. Citizens must stay with their pets during their time at the shelter. Pet owners are NOT allowed to drop-off their pets at the shelters.
- Goose Creek High School- Berkeley County citizens are welcome at this shelter. This is the primary location for Charleston residents.
- St. Stephen Elementary
- **Special needs shelter: If you require a special needs shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-578-2031.**

PLEASE NOTE: Those who stay in shelters are responsible for their bedding, food, water, and any other necessities they may have.

OPERATIONS: Berkeley County emergency operations is at OPGON 1. OPGON 1 means a disaster or emergency situation is in effect, full-fledged emergency response operations are on-going. Berkeley County is in the highest state of emergency operations.

PRESS CONFERENCE: Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Department joined Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis, members of Berkeley County Council, School District leaders, local mayors and law enforcement officials on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the latest on Hurricane Florence, public safety and necessary preparations.

BERKELEY COUNTY AIRPORT: The Berkeley County airport will close at 6 p.m. Thursday, September 13 and will remain closed until further notice.

Berkeley County Council issued a State of Emergency declaration at the County council meeting Monday evening.

Berkeley County Government offices are closed until further notice.

LANDFILL AND CONVENIENCE CENTERS: The Berkeley County landfill and convenience center will be closed until further notice.

COURTHOUSE AND COURT CASES: Berkeley County Courthouse is closed until further notice. All court cases will be rescheduled. Summary Court cases for this week are canceled. All parties will receive new court information by mail.

SANDBAGS: Berkeley County has distributed more than 133,000 sandbags and 2,900 tons of sand to the following locations (27 locations).

Hanahan Town Hall
Otranto Fire Dept.
Hanahan Ball Fields
Moncks Corner City
Pineridge Fire Dept. (Myers Road)
Pineridge Fire Dept. (Jedburg)
Lake Moultrie
Shulerville
Pimlico Station #1
Pimlico Station #2
Cainhoy Fire Dept.
Pineville Fire Dept.
Whitesville Fire Dept. (Sunview)
Longridge Fire Dept.
C&B Fire Dept.
Alvin Fire Dept.
St. Stephen Fire Dept.
Goose Creek Public Works
Santee Circle Fire Dept.
Goose Creek Rural Fire Dept.
Cross Fire Dept. Station #1
Cross Fire Dept. Station #2
Cross Fire Dept. Station #3
Macedonia Fire Dept.
Forty One Fire Dept. Station #1
Forty One Fire Dept. Station #2
Bonneau Fire Dept.

Residents are responsible for filling their bags. The sand is available on a first come, first served basis.

CITIZEN CALL LINE: By calling 843-719-4800, citizens can get updated information from the County's Emergency Preparedness Department. Additionally, citizens can report issues the County should be made aware of.

ANIMAL CENTER: Berkeley Animal Center is not accepting animals and will remain closed until further notice.

BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOLS: Berkeley County schools are closed until further notice.

Berkeley County will continue to update the County [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages as new information comes in.

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