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Berkeley County Florence Update #9

Emergency Operations remains at OPCON 1, prepares for storm impacts

MONCKS CORNER, S.C.- (Wednesday, September 12) Berkeley County leaders continue to prepare for the potential impacts Hurricane Florence could have on South Carolina.

Berkeley County Emergency Operations Center moved to OPCON 1 at 12 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2018. OPCON 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.

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.

SHELTER INFORMATION: In coordination with the evacuation, the following shelters opened. Additional shelters may open if needed.

PLEASE NOTE: Those who stay in shelters are responsible for their bedding, food, water, and any other necessities they may have. There is a special needs shelter in Berkeley County. If you require a special needs shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-578-2031.

- 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

LANDFILL AND CONVENIENCE CENTERS: The Berkeley County landfill will be open regular operating hours through the end of the day Wednesday (4:30 p.m.) It will be closed until further notice. Berkeley County convenience centers will close at noon on Wednesday, September 12 and will remain 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 66,600 sandbags and 2,020 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 the bags, and the sand is available on a first come, first served basis.

CITIZEN CALL LINE: Berkeley County opened a citizens' information line at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 8. By calling 843-719-4800 or 843-719-4166, residents can get updated information from the County's Emergency Preparedness Department and plan. Additionally, citizens can report issues the County should be made aware of.

ANIMAL CENTER: Berkeley Animal Center stopped accepting animals on Monday, September 10. The shelter 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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