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Hurricane Florence related information here: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/hurricaneinfo.php>.

Charleston County Hurricane Florence Update # 5

As severe weather approaches Charleston County, Emergency Management is urging citizens to be weather ready. Once winds reach a certain point it will be too dangerous for emergency vehicles to respond. Emergency Management is advising citizens to stay off the roads, however if you do have to drive, do not drive through floodwaters.

Charleston County Government is at 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.

- According to the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Troopers will begin the process of breaking down the lane reversal on I-26 at 6:00 p.m. tonight. It could take approximately four hours to complete. **The Governor's evacuation order remains in effect.**
- Citizens can report damage using the Charleston County Damage Assessment website: <https://www.crisistrack.com/public/charlestonSC/citizenRequest.html>
- Charleston County High Wind Bridge Procedure: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/BridgeProceduresHighWinds.pdf>

Please note these County closings and information **(there has been a change to the bond court schedule):**

- All Charleston County Government offices are closed until further notice. That includes the Judicial Complex Downtown.
- All Charleston County Public Library branches are until further notice. 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. Please check www.ccpl.org and follow the library on Facebook and Twitter for updates.
- DAODAS Charleston Center information:
 - All services are closed until further notice.
 - Please call the Charleston Center helpline at (843) 722-0100 or pay attention to news and/or social media for service status.
- Tentative Bond Court Schedule
 - Friday, September 14 – 9 a.m.
 - Saturday, September 15 – 7 p.m.
 - Sunday, September 16 – 9 a.m.
 - Monday, September 17 – 9 a.m.
- Charleston County Recycling
 - Curbside recycling services is suspended further notice.

- The Charleston County downtown garages at Cumberland and at King and Queen Street will be available for free parking to citizens who live in flood prone areas. The garages will be open until further notice.

Reentry information can be found here: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/files/re-entry-plan.pdf>

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- Visit our website: www.charlestoncounty.org
 - *Emergency Management Department.* <http://www.facebook.com/EMDChasCo>



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