



News Release

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Charleston County Emergency Management officials monitoring potential for winter weather impacts, making preliminary preparations

Charleston County Emergency Management officials are in close communication with the National Weather Service as the likelihood of winter weather impacts over the weekend increases.

Residents are encouraged to monitor the forecast closely in the coming days and be prepared for extreme cold temperatures and possible roadway impacts this weekend and potentially early next week.

Latest Forecast

According to the latest information from the National Weather Service, dangerously low wind chills and up to 3 inches of accumulating snowfall are expected Saturday into Sunday. While it's too soon to know the exact timing and extent of impacts, the period of greatest concern for snowfall in Charleston County is Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning.

Saturday's precipitation is expected to begin as rain and transition into snow as the temperatures drop throughout the day.

Given the extreme cold temperatures being forecast, icy roadway conditions are possible this weekend and into Monday.

County Preparations

Charleston County Public Works crews will work through the weekend assisting SCOTD in treating area roadways.

SCOTD is expected to begin pre-treating roads and bridges with brine today and will transition into salting operations when precipitation begins.

County Public Works vehicles have been fitted with salt spreaders and will be deployed Saturday with a focus on primary routes and bridges.

Additionally, emergency response resources will be pre-positioned throughout the county as a precautionary measure should travel become hazardous this weekend.

Bond Court

Due to anticipated winter weather impacts, Bond Court will hold the following remote hearings this weekend:

- 1 p.m., Saturday, January 31
- 1 p.m., Sunday, February 1

To facilitate timely hearings, law enforcement agencies are asked to scan and submit all required bond documentation to bondcourt@charlestoncounty.org by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing.

At this time, no other operational changes have been made.

Warming Center Information

The following privately operated area Warming Centers have announced openings. Each will welcome men, women, and children (no pets) and provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

- **Seacoast Church Summerville (301 East, 5th North Street, Summerville)**
 - Hours of operation:
 - Thursday, January 29: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Friday, January 30: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Saturday, January 31: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

- Transportation: Board CARTA Route 10 outbound at either Meeting Street/Sheppard Street or Meeting Street/Johnson Street and inform the driver you are going to the warming center. Then, transfer to Tri-County Link at T-Mobile (8751 Rivers Ave). Pick-ups from that stop at 4:10 p.m., 5:16 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.
- Contact: Site specific questions can be answered at 843-486-0193.
- **Seacoast North Charleston Dream Center (5505 North Rhett Avenue, North Charleston)**
 - Hours of operation:
 - Thursday, January 29: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Friday, January 30: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Saturday, January 31: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 - Sunday, February 1: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 - Transportation: Accessible via CARTA (416 N. Rhett/Sumner Ave. stop)
 - Warming Center entrance is located behind Dream Center building, accessible via walkway under awning.

Additional Information and Resources

Residents are encouraged to follow Charleston County Government on social media and sign up for the [Citizen's Alert System](#) and [official county newsletter](#).

For the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts, residents should stay tuned to the [National Weather Service Charleston](#) websites, as well as local media and [SCEMD's SC Emergency Manager app](#). For checklists and tips on how to prepare for hazardous conditions, download SCEMD's official [South Carolina Severe Winter Weather Guide](#).

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

