



# News Release

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## **Charleston County Winter Weather Update #3**

*The Emergency Operations Center is activated with 24-hour roadway salting underway throughout the county*

At 1 p.m. today, Charleston County shifted to OPCON 2 and activated the Emergency Operations Center with personnel managing the county's response to the winter storm.

The latest forecast from the National Weather Service continues to predict record low temperatures and 3-4 inches of snowfall this weekend, with up to six inches possible in parts of the county.

The combination of rain, snow, and extreme cold is expected to create icy roadway conditions as overnight temperatures drop tonight and tomorrow. Residents are encouraged to stay off the roads if possible and use extreme caution if travel is necessary.

A Winter Storm Warning and Extreme Cold Watch remain in effect for Charleston County.

## **County Response and Resources**

The Community Information Line is open at (843) 746-3900 and will remain staffed until 6 p.m. tonight. It will reopen at 8 a.m. tomorrow to provide updates and answer questions regarding the storm.

Charleston County Public Works crews have begun 24-hour salting operations and will assist SCDOT through the night with a focus on interstates and bridges.

County public safety leaders are operating under Unified Command and refining their response as weather conditions evolve.

"We're currently seeing higher-than-normal demand for service, and our teams are triaging calls based on urgency and available resources," said Charleston County EMS Chief Chris Way. "Every call will be answered as soon as resources allow. The safety of our residents, and the first responders serving them, remains our number one priority."

The following Charleston County parking garages are open for residents to park their cars for free until 10 a.m. Monday:

- 90 Cumberland Street
- 85 Queen Street

## **County Operations**

The Bees Ferry Landfill, Materials Recovery Facility, and all county Convenience Centers closed at 11 a.m. today and will remain closed Sunday. A determination regarding Monday's operations will be made tomorrow.

Due to the threat of severe winter weather, all [Charleston County Public Library](#) branches and offices, including book drops/material returns, will be closed this weekend. Library officials will continue to monitor the weather and announce additional closures, if needed.

All Charleston County Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed Saturday and Sunday. A determination regarding Monday's operations will be made Sunday.

Due to anticipated winter weather impacts, Bond Court will hold a remote hearing at 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](mailto:bondcourt@charlestoncounty.org) by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing.

## **Warming Center Information**

The following privately operated area Warming Centers have announced openings:

- **Holy City Mission at Aldersgate Methodist (1444 Remount Road, North Charleston)**
  - Open January 31 and February 1 (no pets)
  - Admission Hours: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Contact: Site specific questions can be answered at (843) 647-0320.
- **Seacoast Church Summerville (301 East, 5th North Street, Summerville)**
  - Open January 31 and February 1 (accepts pets)
  - Admission Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Contact: Site specific questions can be answered at (843) 486-0193.
- **Seacoast North Charleston Dream Center (5505 North Rhett Avenue, North Charleston)**
  - Open January 31 and February 1 (no pets)
  - Admission Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Warming Center entrance is located behind Dream Center building, accessible via walkway under awning.
- **Hibben United Methodist (690 Coleman Boulevard, Mount Pleasant)**
  - Open January 31 and February 1 (no pets)
  - Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday's opening hours will depend on weather conditions and transportation impacts.
  - Contact: Site specific questions can be answered at (843) 884-9761.

#### **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](#).

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

