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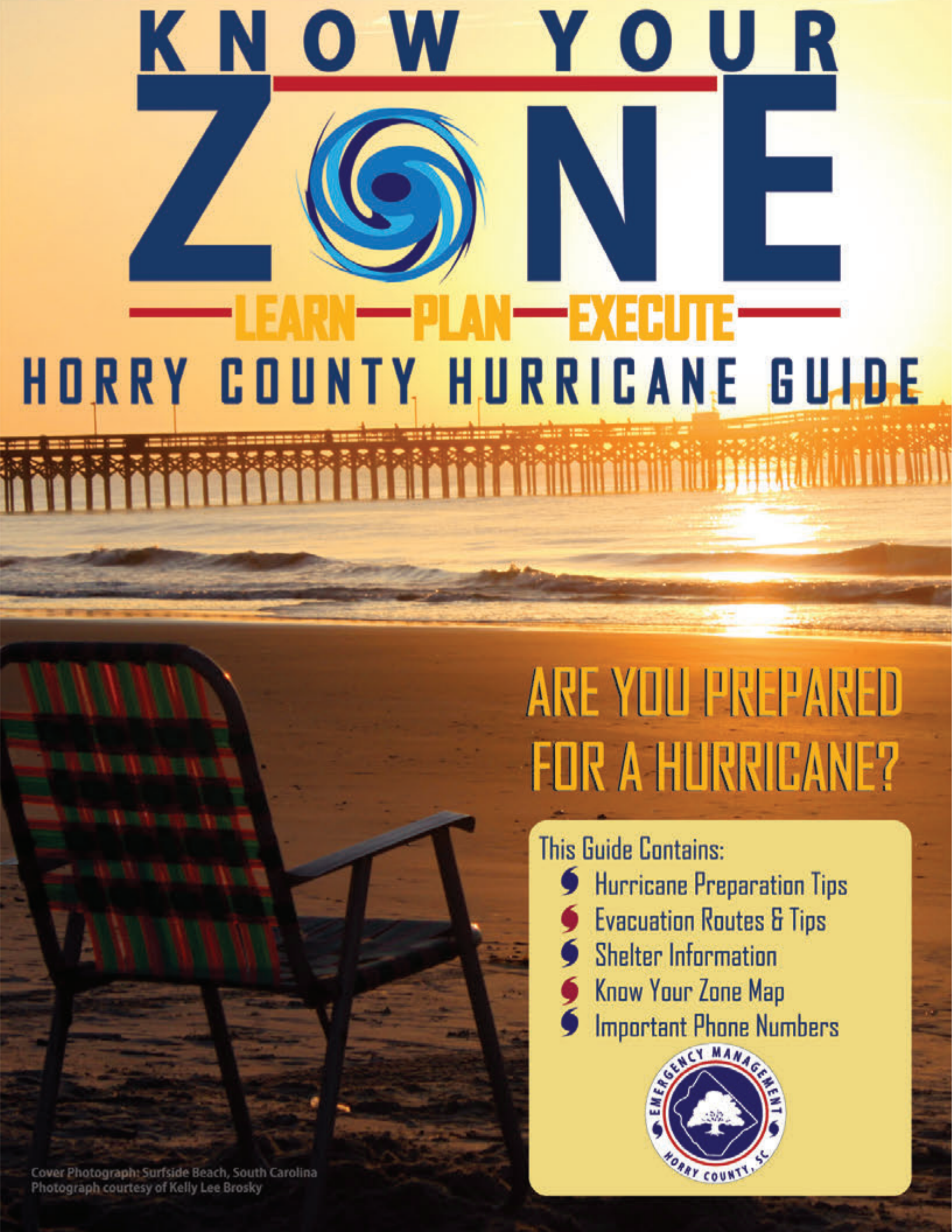
HORRY COUNTY HURRICANE GUIDE



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE?

This Guide Contains:

- Hurricane Preparation Tips
- Evacuation Routes & Tips
- Shelter Information
- Know Your Zone Map
- Important Phone Numbers

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HORRY COUNTY, SC

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Important Phone Numbers

Horry County Emergency Management
843-915-5150

American Red Cross (Shelters) 843-477-0020

Current Road Conditions 1-888-877-9151
(This is the SC number for questions about traffic and is usually activated after the storm and stays active as long as needed).

Re-entry Information 1-866-246-0133
Public Information Phone System (PIPS). This phone line is manned in Columbia and provides information on evacuation, shelters, damage assessment, and re-entry. The number is activated once an evacuation is ordered.

South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (SCDHEC)
843-915-8804-Special Medical Needs Shelters

Aceramiento Hispano de Carolina del Sur
803-419-5112 Hispanic Outreach for South Carolina

Important Websites

www.horrycounty.org-Offical website of Horry County Government.

www.nhc.noaa.gov-The National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center. Provides up -to-date forecast and tracking .

www.fema.gov/areyouready/-The US Federal Emergency Management Agency's **Are You Ready** site. Provides in depth information on disasters, how to prepare, and how to recover.

www.scemd.org-The State of South Carolina Emergency Management Department.

www.sctraffic.org-South Carolina Traffic Network. Provides evacuation routes, preparation tips, lane reversal information, etc.

www.floodsmart.gov-The Federal Emergency Management Agency's **Flood Smart** program. Provides information on flooding, how to estimate flood insurance premiums, and where to find an agent.

www.solidwasteauthority.org-Horry County Solid Waste Authority. Provides information on recycling centers for storm debris.

www.flymyrtlebeach.com-Myrtle Beach International Airport-Airport and flight status.

Social Media

Horry County Emergency Management (HCEMD) is now using Facebook and Twitter as added tools to warn, educate, and inform. By joining our online communities, you will receive the latest planning and emergency information. You can visit us at:

emd.horrycounty.org

facebook.com/HorryCountyEMD

@horrycountyemd

Family Disaster Plan

Now is the time to get your family disaster plan in place. This is a plan that you make with your family on how to handle an emergency situation (not just a hurricane). Having a plan, and practicing it, can mean the difference in an emergency situation!

- **Discuss the types of hazards that can affect your home, your business, and your pets. In Horry County, this means everything from hurricanes, to tornadoes, to earthquakes!**
- **Determine a safe meeting place for you and your family should you become separated. It is also a good idea to have an out of state family contact that all family members can call.**
- **Know Your Zone!**
- **Post emergency numbers near all telephones.**
- **Where will your pets be during the storm? American Red Cross shelters do not accept pets!**
- **Learn which evacuation routes you must take and determine where you will evacuate to.**
- **Read your insurance policy and know your coverage. Damage caused by flooding is not typically covered by standard home owners insurance.**
- **Have a disaster plan that accommodates elderly and/or disabled family members.**
- **It is a good idea to place cash in your family disaster kit.**
- **Have your vehicle's oil and fuel levels checked regularly during hurricane season.**

THE TIME TO PLAN IS NOW!

Disaster Kit Checklist

- ☐ Horry County Hurricane guide
- ☐ Battery operated radio & NOAA Weather Radio
- ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ 1 gallon of water per person per day (2-week supply)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Non perishable food
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Chlorine bleach
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or work boots
- ☐ Blankets/sleeping bags
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including footwear for each person
- ☐ Tarp
- ☐ Books, games & playing cards
- ☐ Aluminium foil & plastic bags
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Local Map
- ☐ Plastic utensils, cups & plates
- ☐ Tools such as wrenches, hammers, etc.
- ☐ Baby care items (formula, diapers, bottles, etc.)
- ☐ Pet care items (food, water, leash, etc.)
- ☐ Copies of important documents (family records, household inventory, insurance papers, will, deeds, etc.)
- ☐ Prescription medications

When creating your family disaster kit, prepare for each family member, including pets to be self-sufficient for 2-weeks (at least). Place your items in sealable plastic tubs. Make sure that each family member knows where the kit is and be sure to change out the contents at least once a year.

EVACUATION ROUTES

North Myrtle Beach and northward: Evacuees from north of Briarcliffe Acres will take SC 9 north to I-95 and beyond.

Briarcliffe Acres south to Myrtle Beach 10th Avenue North: Evacuees in Briarcliffe Acres south to 10th Avenue North will take SC 22 (Conway Bypass) to US 501 to Marion. In Marion, they may then take US 76 to Florence to access I-95 southbound or they may stay on US 501 to SC 38 to access I-95 northbound.

Myrtle Beach, from 10th Avenue North south to the Myrtle Beach International Airport: Evacuees from the Myrtle Beach area south of 10th Avenue North and north of the Myrtle Beach International Airport will take US 501 to Conway. They may then take US 378 to Columbia or continue on US 501 to Marion. In Marion they may then take US 76 to Florence to access I-95 southbound or they may stay on US 501 to SC 38 to access I-95 northbound.

Myrtle Beach International Airport southward through Surfside Beach: Evacuees from the Myrtle Beach International Airport south through Surfside Beach will take SC 544 to US 501 to Conway. They may then take US 378 to Columbia or continue on US 501 to Marion. In Marion they may then take US 76 to Florence to access I-95 southbound or they may stay on US 501 to SC 38 to access I-95 northbound.

Garden City Beach south to Winyah Bay: Evacuees from Garden City Beach south to Winyah Bay will take US 17 south through Georgetown. They will then take US 521 to SC 261 to US 378 to Columbia. Alternatively, they may take US 17 south to US 701 in Georgetown to SC 51 to US 378 at Kingsburg.

When evacuating, ALWAYS TAKE A ROAD MAP WITH YOU! Be aware that law enforcement and the South Carolina National Guard may be posted along evacuation routes to assist you. If you deviate from the primary evacuation route, you may experience delays and you may be rerouted back to the primary route.

Evacuation routes are displayed on the inset map to the left in red.

***Residents that live in Evacuation Zone C should utilize the closest available evacuation route to safely evacuate the area.**

EVACUATION ROUTES

LANE REVERSALS

When an evacuation order is issued, lane reversals will be instituted automatically for two sections of US Highway 501; US Highway 501 from SC 544 to SC 378 and US 501 from SC 22 to the US 501/SC 576 split in Marion. Once you get into a lane reversal pattern, you will not be able to get back out.

NEVER ENTER A LANE REVERSAL PATTERN UNLESS DIRECTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT!

SHELTERS

If you live in an evacuation zone, remember that an American Red Cross (public) shelter should be considered a place of last resort to ride out a hurricane. Public shelters are ideal for people who have no other place to go in an emergency. American Red Cross shelters may be crowded, do not accept pets and are not designed for comfort.

Residents going to an American Red Cross shelter must bring their own supplies such as:

- baby supplies
- battery operated radio
- blankets or sleeping bags and pillows
- entertainment such as games, books, electronic games, etc.
- flashlights & extra batteries
- clothing
- identification
- medicine
- snack or comfort foods
- toiletries

GUNS, ALCOHOL, & ANIMALS are not permitted at shelters!

Evacuation shelters will open as soon as possible after an evacuation order is given. To assist you in locating an American Red Cross Evacation Shelter quickly, you can dowload the Shelter Finder App (available on Google Play and the Apple iTunes Store). The app uses data from the National Shelter System (NCC) and maps the shelter location and details for over 60,000 shelters across the United States of America. It will also provide up to date information on the disaster. Shelter information is updated every 30 minutes so be sure to check often for the most updated information.

If you or a loved one has special medical needs, you should contact the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (SCDHEC) regarding their Special Medical Needs Shelter at 843-915-8804. Preregistration for special medical needs shelters is required.

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THE COAST R.T.A.

When an evacuation is ordered and shelters are opened, The Coast RTA will initiate their Hurricane Evacuation System. The system is designed to assist residents and visitors in evacuation zones to evacuate quickly and safely. Residents and visitors will be able to ride from multiple pick up points to an American Red Cross evacuation shelter and back again for free!

When utilizing The Coast RTA Evacuation rides, please follow these tips:

- **Please do not bring excess belongings or pets on the bus. Service animals are permitted.**
- **No eating or drinking on The Coast RTA bus.**
- **Coast RTA will evacuate passengers to a public shelter designated by the Horry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Return transportation to the original pick up point is provided.**
- **Leave seats near the front for elderly or disabled riders.**

For pick up locations or more information contact The Coast RTA at 843-488-0865 or visit them on their website at www.coastrta.com.

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Outside The Zone

If you do not live in an evacuation zone, you should be prepared to be self sufficient for up to two weeks after a hurricane.

- Stay tuned to local radio or television for weather forecasts and updates. It is also a good idea to have a NOAA Weather Radio on hand.
- Develop and practice your Family Emergency Plan and have your Disaster Kit stocked.
- Make sure you know how to shut off electricity, gas and water at the main switches.
- Make plans to protect your property ahead of time. Remember, tape does NOT prevent windows from breaking!
- Consider creating a home inventory by videotaping or taking pictures of your home and belongings and storing it in a safe place.

EMERGENCY OFFICIALS ARE THE BEST SOURCE OF INFORMATION! FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE EMERGENCY!

Resources for Pets

Pets today are an important part of the family, so don't forget to make emergency plans for your furry friends. Remember, American Red Cross shelters DO NOT accept pets, so if you are in an evacuation zone, it is critical that you make plans far in advance. You can often board your pet with your veterinarian, however these facilities are very limited and often fill up quickly.

The best plan of action, is to create a pet survival kit well in advance, make sure your pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations, have identification on each pet that clearly states your name and contact information (microchipping is a great idea), and know where your pet will shelter during the storm.

For a list of pet friendly hotels, just visit http://www.petswelcome.com.

If you have livestock, remember to make disaster plans for them as well.

When the storm is over, be careful about allowing your pet outdoors. Dangers such as downed power lines and high water may place your pet in danger.

RE-ENTRY

The Horry County Hurricane Re-Entry process is designed to promote and facilitate the timely re-entry of its residents.

Re-Entry will only be allowed after public officials determine that a certain level of safety has been achieved. Keep in mind that there may be isolated areas within the County which may remain closed for safety precautions.

Residents (Owners/Tenants) and Businesses (Essential Personnel)
Residents and business owners will be allowed immediate access into the area once it is DEEMED SAFE. Law enforcement officers may establish checkpoints during re-entry. Returning residents, essential employees and business owners will be required to show proper identification, including driver's license, company ID cards, or documents showing ownership/rental of business.

If your business is in an evacuation zone you can start planning now for the re-entry of essential employees by reviewing the Horry County Re-Entry Plan at emd.horrycounty.org.

In cases where an address on a driver's license does not correspond to the area being entered, other documents such as utility bills, mortgage deeds, property tax documents, and car registrations will be accepted at established checkpoints.

Remember, re-entry could be a slow process and people are asked to remain patient and to use caution when returning to the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL STATEMENT: All public safety operations in the field will cease once the winds reach a sustained speed of 60 miles per hour. These conditions make it too dangerous to the safety of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. If you have a serious life-threatening emergency, you may still call 911; operators will be available to answer your call and dispatch assistance as conditions permit. REMEMBER, WAITING TO LEAVE MAY NOT ONLY JEOPARDIZE YOUR LIFE, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF OTHERS! Once the wind speed is below 60 miles per hour and conditions improve, public safety crews will once again respond to emergency calls.

Business Tips

Our community's economic capability after a disaster relies heavily upon how quickly area bussinesses can reopen. Here are some tips to help you plan:

1. **Assess your risk internally and externally**
2. **Know your operations**
3. **Know your IT capabilities and back up your data**
4. **Prepare your supply chain**
5. **Prepare your employees**
6. **Create a crisis communications plan**
7. **Assemble emergency supplies**
8. **Identify an alternate location**
9. **Know your insurance coverage and finances**
10. **Test your plan**

For more information, visit www.ready.gov/business-continuity-planning-suite or www.disastersafety.org.

DEBRIS REMOVAL

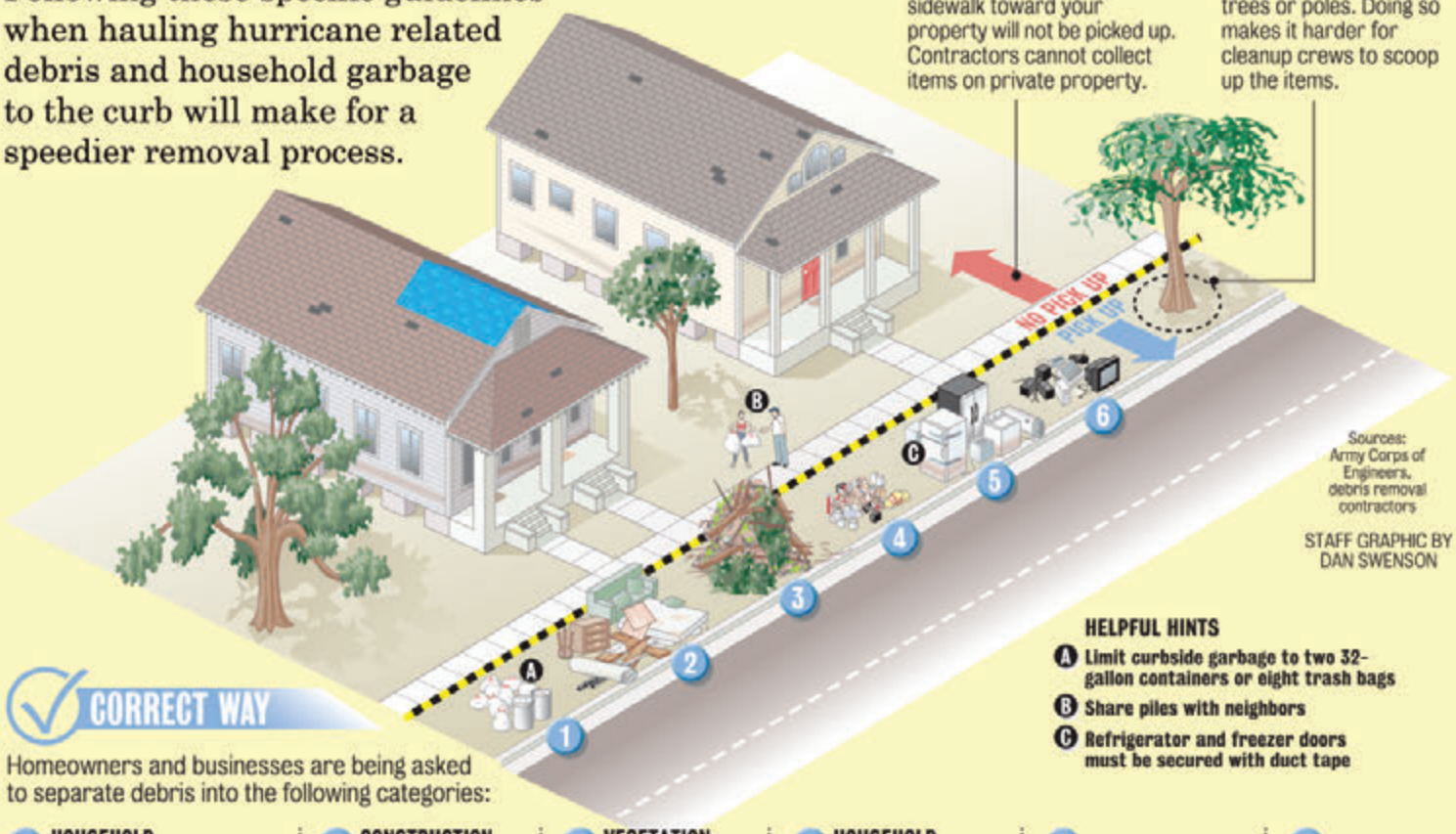
PICKING UP THE PIECES

Following these specific guidelines when hauling hurricane related debris and household garbage to the curb will make for a speedier removal process.

WRONG WAY

CROSSING THE LINE
- Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up. Contractors cannot collect items on private property.

PROPPING UP
- Do not set debris against trees or poles. Doing so makes it harder for cleanup crews to scoop up the items.



Sources: Army Corps of Engineers, debris removal contractors

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HELPFUL HINTS
- **A** Limit curbside garbage to two 32-gallon containers or eight trash bags
- **B** Share piles with neighbors
- **C** Refrigerator and freezer doors must be secured with duct tape

CORRECT WAY

Homeowners and businesses are being asked to separate debris into the following categories:

1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- Bagged trash
- Discarded food
- Packaging, papers
- All garbage should be placed curbside the night before the scheduled weekly pickup.

2 CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
- Building materials
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

3 VEGETATION DEBRIS
- Tree branches
- Leaves
- Logs

4 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
- Oils
- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Paints
- Cleaning supplies
- Compressed gas

5 'WHITE' GOODS
- Refrigerators
- Washers, dryers
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Water heaters
- Dishwashers

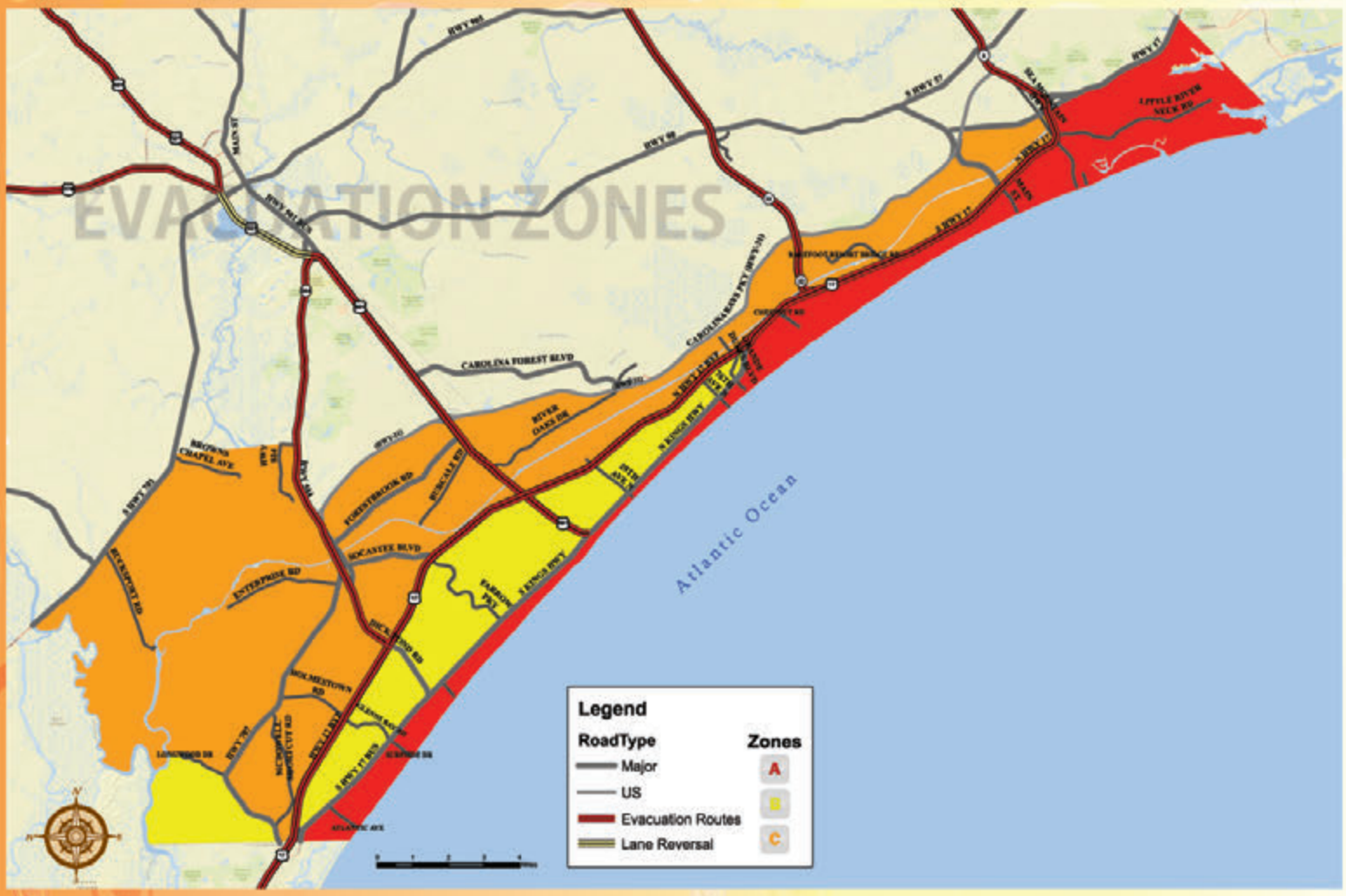
6 ELECTRONICS
- Televisions
- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- DVD players
- Telephones

Horry County does not provide daily curbside pickup, however, after a major debris generating hurricane, the County may consider curbside pickup of residential debris. Should curbside pickup be initiated, the above graphic illustrates the proper way in which to sort debris.

After a hurricane, residents can remove storm related debris themselves by taking it to any of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's Recycling Convenience Centers.

Residents who live within the limits of an incorporated municipality (such as Myrtle Beach), should contact their local Public Works Department for debris removal procedures.

For recycling center locations or more information, please contact the Horry County Solid Waste Authority at 843-347-1651 or visit their website at www.solidwasteauthority.org.



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Did you know that you can visit Horry County's website to find your zone? Just click on the Emergency Management logo to the left to go there now!