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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

Cover Photograph: Surfside Beach, South Carolina
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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.
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.

Correct Way

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

1. **Household Garbage**
   - Bagsed 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

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.

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.
**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  
one 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-Official 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.scmd.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

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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.
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!**

There are eight evacuation shelters which will open as soon as possible after an evacuation order is given:

Aynor Elementary School - 516 Jordanville Road, Aynor
Aynor High School - 201 Jordanville Road, Aynor
Green Sea Floyds Elementary School - 5000 Tulip Grove Road, Green Sea
Green Sea Floyds High School - 5265 Highway 9, Green Sea
Loris Elementary School - 901 Hwy 9 Business East, Loris
Loris High School - 301 Loris Lions Road, Loris
Pee Dee Elementary School - 6555 Highway 134, Conway
Whittemore Park Middle School - 1808 Rhue Street, Conway

Citizens should stay tuned to local media or visit the American Red Cross (Horry County Chapter) website at [www.columbiaregionredcross.org](http://www.columbiaregionredcross.org) for the latest shelter 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. Prerogration for special medical needs shelters is required.
**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.*
A larger version of the map is available at emd.horrycounty.org.
THE EVACUATION ZONE MAPS SHOW AREAS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE EVACUATION BASED ON THE SURGE OF A HURRICANE. HURRICANE CATEGORIES DO NOT ALWAYS CORRELATE WITH THE HEIGHT OF STORM SURGE AND EVACUATIONS MAY BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH STORM. STAY TUNED TO LOCAL MEDIA OR EMD.HORRYCOUNTY.ORG FOR SPECIFIC EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS.

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!
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 20-area 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.