

Concept of Operations

If a tropical storm or hurricane threatens the operational areas of Beaufort County, the Beaufort County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be opened and staffed to an appropriate level with regards to forecasted tracks, speed and intensities. The National Weather Service (NWS) would place any threatened area under a Tropical Storm or Hurricane WATCH, or a Tropical Storm or Hurricane WARNING.

When Fripp Island is under a WATCH or WARNING, a command post will be established at the Fripp Island Fire Department (FIFD) and, depending on the severity, could be manned 24-hours a day. Computers and radios will link this command post with the EOC. When the storm direction is clearly defined and the potential for landfall is predicted for the operational area of Beaufort County, it is the responsibility and authority of the Governor and **ONLY** the Governor to call for an evacuation. Once the Governor issues the order, the EOC will notify Fripp Island Fire Department as to the proper notification procedures. Notification will initially come by way of radio and/or television. Fire personnel will be asked to assess the evacuation process. If there becomes a need to send fire personnel out in the streets with fire apparatus using PA systems or door-to-door for notification this will be an order issued by the EOC.

Remember, The FIFD **will not** ride out a hurricane with an evacuation order issued. We have in county Emergency Service Shelters and that is where we will relocate most equipment and personnel. Once we evacuate, there will be no one to respond to your emergencies. Please evacuate, there is nothing you can physically do to protect your property during a hurricane. The only thing that you can protect is your life.

EVACUATE AND EVACUATE EARLY!

Re-entry

The Governor, in consultation with Beaufort County Emergency Preparedness, will decide when re-entry is appropriate.

Emergency Service Personnel will first assess the damage and make appropriate preparations for providing emergency services. Water, Sewer and Electric Companies will make their areas safe and will attempt to provide limited services before the general public is allowed to re-enter. Information as to time of re-entry may be obtained by calling the EOC in Beaufort County at (1-800-963-5023). Fripp Island property owners may check the FIPOA website for more information at <https://frippislandliving.com/>

Residents should be prepared for a minimum of forty-eight hours after evacuation before re-entry will be allowed. Depending on the severity of the storm and damage incurred it may be several days before its safe to return.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

Fripp Island Fire Department
291 Tarpon Blvd.
Fripp Island, SC 29920
Telephone (843) 838-4085
E-mail joshhorton@fipds.org

This brochure may be found online, printed and disseminated freely at <http://www.fipds.org/> and clicking on the [Fire Dept.](#) tab



Fripp Island Fire Department

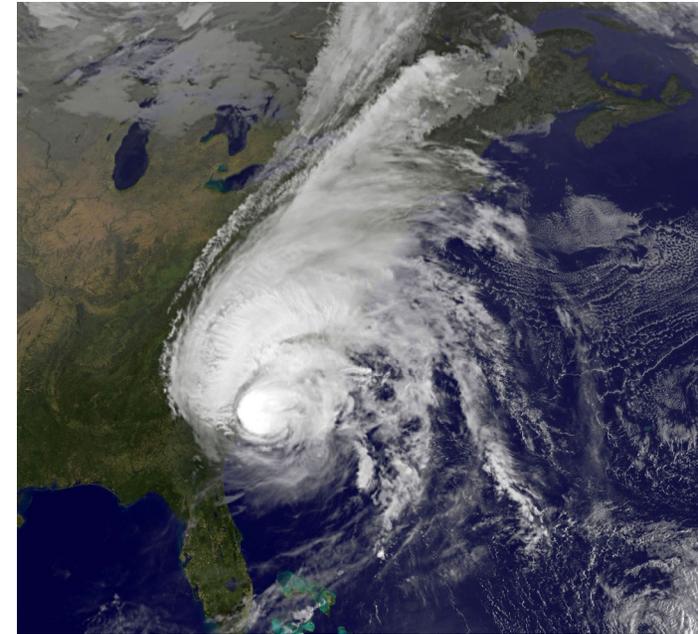
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season runs from

June 1st to

Novembers 30th

Be prepared!



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Hurricane Preparedness

- ❑ Make plans NOW! Gather and store all valuable paperwork such as mortgage notes, insurance papers, deeds, ect. You must be able to show proof of ownership in order to claim the loss through insurance or FEMA.
- ❑ Itemize furnishings, clothing, valuable, ect. take photos or videos of your home and belongings. This will help adjusters to settle claims. They can also prove uninsured losses which are tax deductible.
- ❑ Gather non-perishable food, drinking water, candles, matches, first aid kits, radio with batteries, flashlights, ect. Have these ready at all times.
- ❑ Plan and drive your evacuation routes. Know ahead of time where you need to go.
- ❑ Plan now to protect your windows with boards or shutters pre-cut and store them.

When a Watch is Issued

A ***hurricane watch*** — Hurricane conditions pose a ***possible threat to your area within 48 hours.***

- ❑ Make sure the car has gasoline.
- ❑ Review evacuation routes.
- ❑ Listen for weather information.
- ❑ Make sure medical prescriptions are filled and medicines are packed to go.
- ❑ Gather up important papers, including identification.

When a Warning is Issued

A ***hurricane warning*** — hurricane conditions are ***expected in your area within 36 hours.***

- ❑ Move all large outdoor objects into your house or garage.
- ❑ Place protective coverings over your windows and garage doors.
- ❑ Garage or store your vehicles left behind.
- ❑ Moor boats securely or place inside a building.
- ❑ If you have a pool, cover the pump filter.
- ❑ Lock doors and windows before you leave.
- ❑ Don't forget a survival kit and other supplies.
- ❑ If you think you may want to evacuate, LEAVE NOW!
- ❑ Let relatives know where you plan to be.

Evacuation Route

Northern Beaufort County, North of Broad River:
The Beaufort area will be evacuated exclusively along US 21 to US 17. Approaching the US 17 intersection in Gardens Corner, the left lane of US 21 will have access to US 17 South and will be directed to Exit 33 (Point South) where motorists will be directed to use the right lane to access I-95 North and SC 68 West. The right lane will follow US 17 North to Highway 303 toward Walterboro. Also, motorists wishing to travel towards the Hampton or Augusta area may turn right off US 17 at Pocatigo onto US 21 North to Yemessee and SC 68 West.

Southern Beaufort County, South of Broad River:
Hilton Head will be evacuated via US 278 to I-95 and US 17. Both William Hilton Pkwy. (US 278 Business) and the Cross Island Pkwy. (US 278) will be used to get motorists to I-95 at Exit 8. Traffic approaching that interchange will be advised that the right lane of US 278 will be directed onto I-95 North. The left lane will be advised to continue on US 17 North and US 278 toward the Barnwell, Aiken and Augusta areas or exit South on I-95.

BEAUFORT COUNTY IS IN EVACUATION ZONE A

RATING HURRICANES

NOAA's National Weather Service has revamped the hurricane rating system that does away with storm surge effects of each category. The new scale, called the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale will use wind as its only determining factor.



WIND CATEGORY 1

Winds: 74-95 mph
■ Very dangerous winds will produce some damage.



WIND CATEGORY 2

Winds: 96-110 mph
■ Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage.



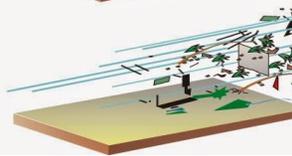
WIND CATEGORY 3

Winds: 111-129 mph
■ Devastating damage will occur.



WIND CATEGORY 4

Winds: 130-156 mph
■ Catastrophic damage will occur.



WIND CATEGORY 5

Winds more than 157 mph
■ Catastrophic damage will occur.

SOURCE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

After a Storm

- ❑ If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave.
- ❑ Recorded messages will advise of road conditions, damage estimates, utility restoration timelines, curfews, shelter information, times the county expects to allow reentry, etc.
- ❑ Updated disaster recovery and reentry information will be posted on the Bft County's web site at <http://www.bcgov.net/>
- ❑ Driving may be especially hazardous due to debris on streets, possible flooding, emergency vehicles in operation, traffic signals and streetlights possibly out of service. Stay away from rivers or streams or other places where flooding is likely.
- ❑ Downed or dangling power lines pose a lethal threat.
- ❑ Make emergency repairs to your home to prevent further damage.
- ❑ Check to see refrigerated food hasn't spoiled if there has been a power outage.
- ❑ Use emergency water rations until you've been notified that the water supply is safe. [SC DHEC Boil Water Emergencies Page.](#)
- ❑ Report damage to your insurance agent.
- ❑ If hurricane damage occurs, there could be a possible delay in allowing residents to return to the county. Emergency workers must return to the county to restore utilities, remove debris from the main roadways, and to carry out search and rescue efforts. **PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Re-entry web addresses and phone numbers

Beaufort County	800-963-5023	bcgov.net
BC EMD	843-255-4000	bcso.net
FIPSD	843-838-2400	fipsd.org
FIPOA	843-838-4155	frippislandliving.com
FI Resort	888-741-8974	frippislandresort.com
SC EMD	803-737-8500	scemd.org/pio

Hampton County EOC	803-943-7524	92.1 FM
Allendale County EOC	803-584-4081	93.5 FM
Jasper County EOC	843-726-7607	104.9 FM

South Carolina's Emergency Management Division has a public information phone line. The toll-free telephone line is for questions associated with the severe weather conditions in the state. For pre, during, post storm related questions, call 1-866-246-0133. It operates 24/7 while hazardous conditions persist.