



SC HURRICANE RESOURCE GUIDE

STORMS AND MS ARE UNPREDICTABLE.
THIS IS WHY WE'RE HERE.

The National MS Society will be available to answer questions or if you need assistance. In the event that our local chapter office closes, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS. You will be transferred to our Information Resource Center where you can speak to trained counselors for information and support.

You can also check our website, www.nationalmssociety.org/greatercarolinas for updates on the status of our programs and events. Hurricane season is upon us, running from June 1 to November 30. Although The Weather Channel has predicted a below average forecast for the 2012 Hurricane season, it is still crucial to be prepared.

2012 Hurricane Names

- Alberto
- Beryl
- Chris
- Debbie
- Ernesto
- Florence
- Gordon
- Helene
- Issac
- Joyce
- Kirk
- Leslie
- Michael
- Nadine
- Oscar
- Patty
- Rafael
- Sandy
- Tony
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- William

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HURRICANE TERMINOLOGY

TROPICAL STORM: A tropical system in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed ranges from 39 to 73 miles per hour (mph). A tropical storm can produce a lot of rainfall and wind, which can cause some beach erosion and boat damage.

TROPICAL STORM WATCH: An announcement that tropical storm conditions are possible within the specified coastal area generally within 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING: An announcement that tropical storm conditions, including sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph, are expected somewhere with the specified

coastal area within 36 hours or less.

HURRICANE: A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained surface winds of 74 mph or more. A hurricane is the worst and strongest of all the tropical systems.

HURRICANE WATCH: An announcement issued 48 hours in advance that hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to coastal areas.

HURRICANE WARNING: An announcement issued 36 hours in advance that hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area. This is the time to get ready for severe weather. High winds and coastal flooding will develop many hours before the eye of the storm actually comes onshore.

DEVELOPING YOUR FAMILY PLAN

1. Safeguard your home. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind damage.
2. If you happen to live in an evacuation zone, know where you will evacuate if needed (e.g., shelter, friend, relative, hotel). Remember that while shelters may be open, they should be considered a last resort.
3. If you plan to stay home, hurricane shutters are your best defense. Practice

installing them (or make sure you have someone who can help you install them) before a hurricane approaches.

4. Locate a safe room or the safest area(s) in your home. This is usually an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows or exterior walls (e.g., closet, bathroom, utility rooms) that can provide a second level of protection from airborne debris.
5. Stock your "must have" supplies in your safe room.
6. Designate an out-of-state friend or relative as a primary contact so that all of your family members can

have a single point of contact.

7. Make a plan now for what to do with your pet(s) in case you need to evacuate.
8. Place valuables, photos and copies of important papers in waterproof bags and store in a safe place (safe deposit box). Include photos of the interior and exterior of your home and your driver's license or state id. Make a list of medications, important names, addresses and phone numbers (e.g. doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, family and friends). Also include a list of important account numbers and policy numbers (e.g. health, flood, auto, home).
9. Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 9-1-1.
10. Review your insurance coverage as flood damage is often not covered by homeowner's or renter's insurance.
11. Pay bills before the storm. If you pay bills online or by phone, do it before a hurricane hits, even if they're not yet due. A hurricane could interrupt phone service, causing you to miss payments and incur late charges. If you pay by mail, send payments at least two days before a hurricane strikes. The post office will not pick up mail within 24 hours of a storm. For even greater piece of mind, set up automatic payment plans to ensure that your payments are made on time.
12. Be aware of local gas stations in your area that are prepared with generators for after the storm.

13. Remember to take time NOW to work on your family plan.

PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

- Households with children should understand the school's plans and where the children will stay if an adult in the household needs to shelter in other locations until the immediate hazard is over.
- Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing should make sure that they can receive emergency alerts and warnings in an accessible form.
- Individuals who require accessible transportation should work with their local Paratransit and disability service providers to make an emergency plan.
- People who speak languages other than English may need to identify sources of alerts and warnings and information about community plans in other languages.
- People without vehicles should know local plans for public transportation and may need to make arrangements for transportation from local government, organizations or others.
- Households with infants should plan for food and supplies for infants and nursing mothers.
- People with dietary needs should have an adequate emergency food supply to meet their needs.

- People who take medications should maintain an adequate supply, and copies of their prescriptions.
- People with service animals should work with local emergency management to ensure that their service dog will be admitted to shelters with them during emergencies (as required by law) and should make sure their plan kit supplies include food and other items for their service animal.
- People who require power for medical or other assistive devices should consider how they will maintain the use of these devices if there is a loss of power. Keep extra batteries for small devices (hearing aids, cell phones for example) and consider obtaining and learning how to use a generator for home use and carrying a charger when away from home, especially when loss of power may jeopardize health or safety.

AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

- Create a support network to help in an emergency.
- Tell these people where you keep your emergency supplies
- Give one member of your support network a key to your house or apartment.
- Contact your city or county government's emergency information management office. Many local offices keep a list of people with disabilities so they can be located quickly in the case of a sudden emergency.
- Wear medical tags or emergency bracelets to indicate that you have Multiple Sclerosis.
- Arrange for more than one person from your personal support network to check on you in an emergency. It is important to have at least one back-up in the event your primary person is not available.
- If you use a personal care attendant obtained from an agency, check to see if the agency has special provisions for emergencies (e.g. providing services at another location should an evacuation be ordered).
- If you live in an apartment, ask the management or landlord to identify and mark accessible exits and access to all areas designated for emergency safe rooms. Ask about plans for alerting and evacuating those with sensory disabilities.
- Have a cell phone with an extra battery.
- If you are unable to get out of a building, you can let someone know where you are and guide them to you. Keep the emergency numbers you may need to call with you if the 9-1-1 emergency numbers are overloaded.

IF YOU USE A WHEELCHAIR OR SCOOTER

- Have a manual wheelchair for backup.
- Have an extra battery. A car battery can also be used with a wheelchair, but it will not last as long as a wheelchair's deep cycle battery.
- Check with your vendor to see if there is an adapter to recharge your wheelchair/scooter battery through the cigarette lighter socket in your car.
- Teach those who may need to assist you in an emergency how to operate necessary equipment. Also label equipment and attach laminated instructions for equipment use.
- Know the size and weight of your scooter or wheelchair; know whether or not your wheelchair is collapsible in case it has to be transported.

MS DRUGS AND REFRIGERATION

- **Avonex** - Pre-filled syringes should be refrigerated. If unavailable, you can store the pre-filled syringes at room temperature for a period up to seven days. Lyophilized Powder should be refrigerated. If unavailable, you can store the Lyophilized Powder at room temperature for a period up to 30 days. If Lyophilized Powder is mixed, it must be used within six hours.
- **Betaseron** - Should be stored at room temperature (77F). Do not freeze.
- **Copaxone** - Keep your monthly supply of COPAXONE® Pre-filled syringes refrigerated between 36F and 46F (2-8C). COPAXONE® Pre-Filled Syringes may be kept at room temperature between 56F and 86F (15C-30C) for up to one month. You'll want to transport your COPAXONE® in a thermal travel bag to protect it from extreme temperatures, which may cause over-heating or freezing.
- **GILENYA** - Store at room temperature between 59F and 86F in the original blister pack in a dry place
- **Novantrone** - Does not require refrigeration. Can be stored at room temperature, 77F or below; do not freeze.
- **Rebif** - Rebif should be refrigerated between 36F-46F. Do not freeze. It may be stored at or below 77F for up to 30 days away from heat and light.

The Pharmaceutical companies will honor their commitment to do their utmost to replace medication destroyed or lost due to a hurricane. For further information contact these companies at the numbers listed on page 11.

REVIEWING INSURANCE POLICIES

Financial recovery from a disaster will largely depend on the insurance you carry. Every year you should review your insurance policies for your residence, car and boat to assure your coverage is sufficient. The policy will also have some impact on what you will do after a hurricane. There may be helpful advice, as well as specific rules you will need to follow to make your claims.

Windstorm: Make sure that your policy covers windstorms. Some Homeowners, Condo owners and Renters policies may not.

Flood Insurance: The National Flood Insurance Program is the only underwriter for flood damage to buildings and contents. You will need to have a separate flood insurance policy written in addition to your Homeowners, Condo Owner or Renters policy. Typically there is a 30-day from date of purchase before your policy goes into effect, secure the policy in advance of the hurricane season. Call the National Flood Insurance Program directly at (800) 638-6620 or visit www.floodsmart.gov to find an agent.

Replacement Coverage: As soon as you purchase an item and take it home, it begins to depreciate. This includes your house, appliances, computers, sound equipment and other major possessions. When you make an insurance claim, consider that you may not get the amount will need to replace the item. Make sure that your dwelling and personal belongings

have replacement coverage, giving you the market price for the item in order to replace it.

Deductibles: Review your policy deductibles and exclusions so you know what you can expect to pay out of your pocket. Some federal disaster loan programs may be available to cover deductibles.

Temporary Living Expenses: Homeowners, Condo Owners and Renters should include coverage for additional living expenses (or loss of use) if your residence becomes inhabitable.

Before and After Photos: In early June take photos/videos of your residence both inside and out. Make sure you get clear photos/videos of each room of the house that show the appliances and furniture in each. Take photos/videos of your personal belongings that may require special insurance coverage. Make two copies of the pictures/videos, one for you and one for the insurance adjuster. Once the storm has passed, take the same series of photos/videos.

EVACUATION PLANNING

Map out your evacuation route. Determine how long it will take to pick up everyone in your family, and notify other family members where you plan to be. Bring a survival kit with you. Learn the evacuation route from your location and the amount of time needed to evacuate.

Evacuation routes are marked with circular

blue signs that state "Evacuation Route." Drivers should not stray from these routes. Law enforcement and emergency responders are paying attention to them first, and the routes go to areas where food, water and shelter are available.

For updates on road conditions and closures, call 511 toll-free, tune into a local AM radio station, or check out the North Carolina Department of Transportation's online Travel Information System (<http://www.ncdot.gov/traffictravel/>). Information will also be posted

on message boards along the evacuation routes. Do not forget to secure your property before you leave. Remember to take along important papers and medications. If you plan to stay in an American Red Cross shelter, remember that pets are not allowed. If you live in a mobile home, plan to evacuate to a safer structure. No mobile or manufactured home is safe in hurricane-force winds.

For more detailed information for South Carolina go to: www.sctraffic.org/centralmap.html

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

Some counties provide for the voluntary registration of county residents who have special needs and will need assistance during an evacuation. If an evacuation is ordered, shelter for persons with special needs will be available. Those with special needs should make prior arrangements for transportation to the shelters, however transportation will be provided for those unable to make such arrangements or who are unable to get there on their own.

To find a Special Needs shelter in your area, contact:
Catherine Ferrell
Office of Public Health Preparedness
2600 Bull Street,
Columbia, SC 29201-1708
803-898-4415

The Ben Sawyer Bridge connecting Sullivan's Island to Charleston, SC, after Hurricane Hugo in 1989

Photo source: http://www.wunderground.com/hurricane/hugo_day_13.asp
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SURVIVAL KITS

3-DAY KIT

Use a watertight container for the following:

- Water: One gallon per person per day. Fill plastic containers, such as soft-drink bottles.
- Water purification kit or bleach (use eight drops of regular bleach per gallon of water).
- Essential medications
- First-aid book and kit including aspirin, antibiotic cream
- Ready-to-eat, non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, granola bars, instant soup and cereals, fruits and vegetables, canned or box juices, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, bread and special dietary items.
- Non-electric can opener
- Baby supplies: formula, bottle, pacifier, soap, baby powder, clothing, blankets, baby wipes, disposable diapers, canned food and juices
- Food, water, leash and carrier for pets (If you plan to go to a shelter, remember that most do not allow pets.
- Sanitary Items:
 - Large plastic trash bags for waste and to use as tarps and rain ponchos
 - Large trash cans
 - Towelettes
 - Bar soap and liquid detergent
 - Shampoo
 - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - Feminine hygiene supplies
 - Toilet paper
 - Household bleach for cleaning
 - Rubber gloves
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person
- Battery-powered, portable radio or portable TV and plenty of extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Extra house and car keys
- Fire extinguisher (ABC-type)
- Cash and change
- Seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes

14-DAY KIT

For hurricanes of greater magnitude, be prepared to live without utilities and basic services for two weeks or more. In addition to the three-day supply kit, these supplies will be helpful for 14 days without electricity or running water:

- Disposable plates, cups, utensils
- Plastic garbage bags
- Mosquito repellent
- Cooler
- Ice
- Toiletries
- Detergent for dishes and clothes
- Clothesline and clothespins
- Games, such as cards, and quiet toys
- Duct and masking tape

- Rolls of plastic
- Lantern and fuel (not candles)
- Gloves and goggles
- Small tools
- Cleaning supplies
- Brooms and mops
- Pails and buckets
- Ladders
- Plywood and nails
- Rakes and shovels
- Chain saw, gas and oil
- Wheelbarrow
- Battery-operated clock
- Butane lighter or matches
- Axes, hatchets, pruners
- Rope

PLANNING TO LEAVE:

- Before you leave, turn off gas, water and electricity. Lock the door.
- Take care of your pets. Public shelters might not take them.
- Fill up your car with gas.
- Take blankets, first-aid supplies, medicine, several days' clothing and essential personal items to the nearest shelter.
- Bring water and nonperishable snacks for the trip, because restaurants and gas stations might not be open.
- Do not travel farther than necessary.
- Return home only after authorities say it is safe to do so.

PLANNING TO STAY:

- If you decide to stay in your home, be sure to have shutters for all windows and openings and determine how long it will take you to put them up. Of particular concern is: Will your home be safe in case of rising water?
- Notify any out-of-area friends and relatives that you are staying. Determine what special supplies and food you will need to have on hand and how you will cope with any family member with medical needs.

GENERATOR SAFETY

When operating a generator, keep the following in mind:

- All gas-powered engines emit Carbon Monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can build up to fatally toxic levels in the environment. Generators must only be operated in a well-ventilated area outside of inhabited structures and should NEVER be placed anywhere near windows, doors, vents, or other openings.
- If you're going to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on a generator, it is in your best interest to budget for the additional expense of a CO detector too. These will help to moderate the CO levels emitted by your generator. The additional expense could save your life.
- Never operate a generator on the balcony of a multi-unit structure. The boundaries of most balconies force you to place the generator too close to your own living areas as well as those of your neighbors.
- Never attempt to refuel a generator while it is hot or still running. Turn it off and allow it to cool before adding fuel. Take extreme care not to spill fuel onto the generator or the surrounding area.
- Read your generator's manual very carefully. Follow all directions and pay close attention to the electrical load rating. Never overload the generator.
- Never attempt to connect a portable generator to the main electrical panel in your home. Not only is this VERY dangerous for occupants, it is also fatally dangerous for electrical workers who are trying to restore power.

STORING YOUR GENERATOR

- Store generators in a dry, well-ventilated area with the fuel tank empty.
- Clean your generator thoroughly before storing. Remove all traces of oil, dirt and other foreign matter.
- Do not store near appliances such as water heaters or pumps, especially if they are gas powered.
- When you pull your generator out after any storage period, remember to inspect it carefully for broken or missing parts.

AFTER THE STORM

Statistics show that more injuries occur immediately following a hurricane than during the storm itself. Residents must be extremely cautious when venturing outdoors and be on the lookout for downed power lines and debris. Driving is often highly hazardous due to non-working traffic signals and downed signs. Crews will be out on the streets to begin the clean up once it is deemed safe. Residents

are asked to stay off the streets as much as possible for their own safety and to allow work crews to work as efficiently as possible. It is also important to remember that improperly installed generators are dangerous.

After a disaster, you may need to ask for help doing things you usually would have done independently. Understandable, this may make

you feel especially vulnerable. You may require assistance putting your home back in order, filling out forms, or providing documentation and information to disaster relief agencies. This can add to the stress you may feel. A personal support network that knows your needs may be able to anticipate some of them and make your recovery easier and less stressful.

DURING THE STORM

- Remain calm
- Continue to watch and/or listen to local weather coverage and updates
- Go indoors and remain indoors until the storm has passed. Remember that just because it looks like the storm has passed doesn't mean it's over; it may just be the center or eye of the storm
- Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you know when the power has returned.
- Use flashlights instead of candles or kerosene lamps during a storm.
- Remain in your safe room even if you hear breaking glass. Do not risk exposure to hurricane force winds.
- Place animals in carriers.
- If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the bathtub under a mattress.
- Use the phone ONLY for urgent calls. Don't use the phone if you hear thunder.
- If you are in a very tall building, avoid the top floors as wind speeds are stronger the higher you go. Go to a safe room and use extreme caution.

East Coast braces for Hurricane Irene in 2011.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES:

MISCELLANEOUS:

- **FEMA:** 202-646-2500
- **EPA's State Drinking Water Hotline:** 800-426-4791
- **National Council on Disability:** 202-272-2004 (Voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY)
- **National Flood Insurance Program:** 800-638-6620, 800-447-9487 (TTY), www.fema.gov/business/nfip or www.floodsmart.gov
- **National Hurricane Center:** 305-229-4550, nhcwebmaster@noaa.gov
- **National MS Society, Greater Carolinas Chapter:** 919-834-0678 or 800-344-4867, nationalmssociety.org/greatercarolinas
- **The Access Board:** www.access-board.gov
- **Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities:** www.advocacycenter.org
- **Agency for Workforce Innovation Unemployment Claims Emergency Website:** 800-204-2418 or www.awiemergency.com
- **American Association for Persons with Disabilities:** www.aapd.com
- **American Foundation for the Blind:** www.afb.org
- **American Red Cross:** 866-438-4636, www.redcross.org
- **Federal Government Information for People with Disabilities:** www.disabilityinfo.gov
- **National Organization on Disability:** www.nod.org/emergency

- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration:** www.osha.gov
- **Weather Channel:** www.weather.com

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES:

- **Evacuation Chairs** (Devices to take a person with limited mobility safely down stairs):
 - **Evac+Chair:** www.evac-chair.com
 - **Evacu-Trac:** www.evacutrac.com
 - **AOK Rescue Chairs:** www.rescuechair.com
 - **Scalamobil Portable Stair Climber:** www.frankmobility.com/scalamobil.php
 - **LifeSlider** (A toboggan-like device): www.lifeslider.com
 - **Baronmead Wheelchair Carrier** www.baronmead.com
- **Fire-resistant blankets**
 - www.disaster necessities.com
 - www.saveguard.com
- **Personal Alert Systems**
 - www.lifefone.com
 - www.monitoringcare.com
 - www.americanmedicalarms.com
- **Medical Identification Bracelets** (Simple jewelry that can be engraved with a warning, like "allergic to penicillin." Others are comprehensive systems that involve membership and a medical database.
 - www.medicalalert.org
 - www.medids.com
 - www.americanmedical-id.com
 - www.medicalmedallion.com
 - www.911med411.com

INFORMATION ON MS DRUG THERAPIES:

- **Avonex & Tysabri:** 800-456-2255, www.avonex.com, www.tysabri.com
- **Betaseron:** 800-788-1467, www.betaseron.com
- **Copaxone:** 800-887-8100, www.sharedsolutions.com
- **GILENYA:** 888-669-6682, www.gilenya.com
- **Novantrone:** 800-572-1932, www.novantrone.com
- **Rebif:** 877-447-3243, www.rebif.com

IMPORTANT LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND WEBSITES:

- **Website for all SC Health Departments:** www.scdhec.gov/health
- **Hurricane Guide for SC:** www.scmd.org/index.php/component/content/article/26-guides-and-brochures-guides-and-brochures/142-south-carolina-hurricane-guide

SC COUNTY INFORMATION:

Always monitor your local broadcast media for the most current information on shelter openings. If no shelter information is provided, contact the emergency management department or local Red Cross. Red Cross Shelter Look-up: <http://app.redcross.org/nss-app>

Abbeville County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-366-2400, www.abbevillecountysc.com/emermgt.aspx
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-446-6000, www.abbevillecountysc.com/Sheriff.aspx
- **Health Department:** 864-366-2131
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Aiken County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-642-1623, <http://aikencountysc.gov/DspSvc.cfm?qSvcID=41>
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-642-1761, www.aikencountysc.gov/DspOfc.cfm?qOfcID=SHF
- **Health Department:** 803-642-1687
- **Aiken County Red Cross:** 803-641-4152, www.aikencountyredcross.org

Allendale County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness Division:** 803-584-4081
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-584-7067
- **Health Department:** 803-584-3818
- **Aiken County Chapter Red Cross:** 803-641-4152, www.aikencountyredcross.org

Anderson County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-332-5751, <http://andersoncountyes.com>
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-233-1158

- **Health Department:** 864-260-5541
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Bamberg County, SC

- **Emergency Services:** 803-245-4313, www.bambergcountysc.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=62
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-245-3011, www.bambergcountysc.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=37&Itemid=76
- **Health Department:** 803-245-5176
- **Aiken County Chapter Red Cross:** 803-641-4152, www.aikencountyredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:**
 - Bamberg-Erhardt High School
267 Red Raider Dr., Bamberg, SC
 - Denmark-Olar High School
197 Viking Cir., Denmark, SC
 - Barberg-Erhadt Middle School
897 North St., Bamberg, SC
 - Denmark-Olar Middle School
45 Green St., Denmark, SC

Barnwell County, SC

- **Emergency Management Agency:** 803-259-7013
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-541-1078, www.barnwellcountysc.gov/departments/sheriff.html
- **Health Department:** 803-541-1061
- **Aiken County Chapter Red Cross:** 803-641-4152, www.aikencountyredcross.org

Beaufort County, SC

- **Emergency Management Department:** 843-255-4000, www.bcgov.net/Emergmgt/emer_mgt.php
- **Sheriff's Office(Non-emergency):** 843-255-3200, www.bcso.net
- **Health Department:** 843-525-7615
- **Carolina Lowcounty Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:**
 - Bluffton High School
12 H.E. McCracken Cir., Bluffton, SC
 - Battery Creek High School
1 Blue Dolphin Dr., Beaufort, SC
 - Bluffton Elementary School
160 H.E. McCracken Cir., Bluffton, SC
 - Okatie Elementary School
1657 Okatie Hwy., Okatie, SC

Berkeley County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness:** 843-719-4817
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** From the Moncks Corner area, dial "719" and the 4-digit extension 4414. From the Charleston area, dial "723-3800" plus the 4-digit extension 4414. From the Saint Stephen area, dial "567-3136" and the 4-digit extension 4414. www.berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/sheriff
- **Health Department:** 843-719-4600
- **Carolina Lowcounty Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:**
 - Berkeley High School
406 W. Main St., Moncks Corner, SC

- Goose Creek High School
1137 Red Bank Rd., Goose Creek, SC
- Hanahan Middle School
5815 Murray Dr., Hanahan, SC
- Stratford High School
951 Crowfield Blvd., Goose Creek, SC
- St. Stephen Elementary School
1053 Russellville Rd., St. Stephen, SC
- **Special Medical Needs Shelters:**
 - Berkeley Intermediate School 777
Stoney Landing Rd., Moncks Corner, SC
 - Cross High School
1293 Old Hwy. 6, Cross, SC
 - Cain Bay High School
1624 State Rd., Summerville, SC
 - Cainhoy Elementary/Middle School
2424 Cainhoy Rd., Huger, SC
 - Macedonia Middle School
200 Macedonia Foxes Cir.,
Moncks Corner, SC
 - Sangaree Elementary School
460 Royle Rd., Summerville, SC
 - Westview Primary School
98 Westview Blvd., Goose Creek, SC

Calhoun County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-874-3042
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-874-2741, www.calhounscsheriff.com
- **Health Department:** 803-874-2037
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Charleston County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness Division:** 843-202-7400
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-202-1700, www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org
- **Health Department:** 843- 953-0038
- **Carolina Lowcounty Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org

Chester County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-377-4632, www.chestercounty.org/government/emergency-management-agency.aspx
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-581-5131, www.chesterscsheriff.com
- **Health Department:** 803-385-6152
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-329-6575, www.upredcross.org

Chesterfield County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 843-623-3362, www.chesterfieldcountysc.com/secondary.aspx?pageID=144
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-623-2101, www.chesterfieldsheriff.org
- **Health Department:** 843-623-2117
- **Pee Dee Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org

Clarendon County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-435-9310, www.clarendoncountysc.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=46&Itemid=71

- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-435-4414
- **Health Department:** 803-435-8168/8178
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Colleton County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness Agency:** 843-549-5632
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-549-2211, www.colletoncounty.org/department-a-services/sheriffs-office
- **Health Department:** 843-549-1516
- **Carolina Lowcountry Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org

Darlington County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness Agency:** 843-398-4450/4452/4453, www.darlesc.com/EPA
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-398-4501, www.darlesc.com/sheriff
- **Health Department:** 843-398-4400
- **Pee Dee Chapter Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:** Radio Station WJMX, Florence, is designated as the official Emergency Alert Station (EAS) station

Dillon County, SC

- **Disaster Preparedness Agency:** 843-774-1414
- **Sheriff's Office, Non-emergency:** 843-774-1432, www.dilloncounty.sc.gov/Departments/Sheriff/Pages/default.aspx

- **Health Department:** 843-774-5611
- **Pee Dee Chapter Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org

Dorchester County, SC

- **Emergency Services Department:** 843-832-0341, www.dorchestercounty.net
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-832-0300, www.dorchestercounty.net/index.aspx?page=87
- **Health Department:** 843-832-0041
- **Carolina Lowcountry Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org

Edgefield County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-275-4444
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-637-5337, www.edgefieldcountysheriff.org/welcome.html
- **Health Department:** 803-637-4035
- **Aiken County Red Cross:** 803-641-4152, www.aikencountyredcross.org

Fairfield County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-635-5505, www.fairfieldsc.com/secondary.aspx?pageID=136
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-635-4141, www.fairfieldsc.com/secondary.aspx?pageID=152
- **Health Department:** 803-635-6481
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Florence County, SC

- **Emergency Management Department:** 843-665-7255, www.florenceco.org
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-665-2121, www.fcso.org
- **Health Department:** 843-661-4835
- **Pee Dee Chapter Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:** www.cityofflorence.com/departments/emergencies/shelters.aspx

Georgetown County, SC

- **Emergency Management Division:** 843-545-3273
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-546-5102, www.georgetowncountysc.org/sheriff
- **Health Department:** 843-546-5593
- **Coastal SC Chapter Red Cross:** 843-477-0020, www.columbiaregionredcross.org
- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:** www.georgetowncountysc.org/emergencyprep/evacuation.html
 - Pleasant Hill Elementary School 127 School House Dr. (Hwy 513)
 - Andrews Elementary School 13072 County Line Rd. (Hwy 41)

Greenville County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-467-2680, www.gceoc.com
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-467-5100, www.gcco.org
- **Health Department:** 864-282-4100

- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Greenwood County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-942-8683, www.greenwoodsc.gov/countywebsite/index.aspx?page=141
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-942-8600
- **Health Department:** 864-942-3600
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Hampton County, SC

- **Emergency Management:** 803-914-2150
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-914-2200, www.hamptoncountysc.org/Directory.aspx?did=84
- **Health Department:** 803-943-3878
- **Carolina Lowcountry Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org

Horry County, SC

- **Emergency Management Department:** 843-915-5150, www.horrycounty.org/depts/humanserv/epd/index.asp
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-915-5450, www.horrycounty.org/depts/sheriff/index.asp
- **Health Department:** 803-915-8804
- **Coastal SC Chapter Red Cross:** 843-477-0020, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Jasper County, SC

- **Emergency Services:** 843-726-7797
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-726-7777, www.jaspercountysc.org/secondary.aspx?pageID=42
- **Health Department:** 843-726-7788
- **Carolina Lowcountry Chapter Red Cross:** 843-764-2323, www.lowcountryredcross.org

Kershaw County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-425-1522, www.kershaw.sc.gov/Index.aspx?page=239
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-425-1512, www.kershaw.sc.gov/Index.aspx?page=83
- **Health Department:** 803-425-6012
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Lancaster County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-285-7333, http://mylancastersc.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BFF45C678-4139-45AA-
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-313-2121, <http://lacoso.net>
- **Health Department:** 803-286-9948
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-329-6575, www.upredcross.org

Laurens County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-984-1574 (EMS), www.lcemsc.net

- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-984-4967, www.laurenssheriff.org
- **Health Department:** 864-833-0000,
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Lee County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 919-718-4670, <http://leecountync.gov/Departments/EmergencyManagement.aspx>
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 919-775-5531, <http://leecountync.gov/EmployeeDirectory/SheriffsOffice.aspx>
- **Health Department:** 803-484-6612
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Lexington County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-785-8343, www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/DeptAH/emergencymanagement/Pages/index.aspx
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-785-8230, www.lex-co.com/Sheriff
- **Health Department:** 803-785-6550
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Marion County, SC

- **Emergency Management Agency:** 843-431-5009, www.marionsc.org/emergencymanagement
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-423-8216, www.marionsc.org/sheriff

- **Health Department:** 843-423-8295
- **Pee Dee Chapter Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org

Marlboro County, SC

- **Emergency Preparedness Agency:** 843-479-5642
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-479-5605, www.marlbocountysc.gov/ElectedOfficials/Sheriff/Pages/default.aspx
- **Health Department:** 843-479-6801
- **Pee Dee Chapter Red Cross:** 843-662-8121, www.peedeeredcross.org

McCormick County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-852-2811, http://mccormickcountysc.org/mccormick_county_ems.php
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-465-2520, http://mccormickcountysc.org/mccormick_county_sheriff.php
- **Health Department:** 864-852-2511
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Newberry County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-321-2135, www.newberrycounty.net/psafety
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-321-2211
- **Health Department:** 803-321-2170
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Oconee County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-638-4200, www.oconeecountyemergencyservices.com
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-638-4111, www.oconeelaw.com
- **Health Department:** 864-638-4170
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org
- **Emergency Shelters:** 803-898-3708, www.crrcdcross.wordpress.com (blog for emergencies)

Orangeburg County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-533-6265, www.orangeburgcounty.org/oes
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-531-4647, www.orangeburgcounty.org/ocso
- **Health Department:** 803-642-7543
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Pickens County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-898-5945, www.co.pickens.sc.us/EmergencyManagement/default.aspx
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-898-5500, www.pickenscosheriff.org
- **Health Department:** 864-898-5965
- **American Red Cross of Upstate SC:** 864-271-8222, www.upstateredcross.org

Richland County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-576-3400, www.richlandonline.com/departments/EmergencyServices/index.asp
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-576-3000, www.rcsd.net
- **Health Department:** 803-576-2980
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Saluda County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-445-2529, www.saludacountyesc.com/emergency-management-division.aspx
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-445-2112, www.saludacountyesc.com/sheriffs-office.aspx
- **Health Department:** 803-484-6612
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Spartanburg County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-439-6329, www.spartanburgcounty.org/govt/depts/emgsrvacd/index.htm
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-596-2222, www.spartanburgsheriff.org
- **Health Department:** 864-596-2227
- **Piedmont Region Red Cross:** 864-583-8000, www.redcross.org/sc/piedmont

Sumter County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-436-2158, www.sumtercountysc.org/departments/ema.htm
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-436-2700, www.sumtersheriff.org
- **Health Department:** 803-773-5511
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-540-1200, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

Union County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 864-429-1620, www.countyofunion.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180008891&sec_id=18000366
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 864-429-1612, www.unionscsheriff.com
- **Health Department:** 864-429-1690
- **Piedmont Region Red Cross:** 864-583-8000

Williamsburg County, SC

- **Disaster Preparedness Agency:** 843-354-9330/7016/6891, www.williamsburgcounty.sc.gov/index.aspx?page=59
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 843-355-6381, www.williamsburgcounty.sc.gov/index.aspx?page=85
- **Health Department:** 843-355-6012
- **Coastal SC Chapter Red Cross:** 843-477-0020, www.columbiaregionredcross.org

- **Housing or Emergency Shelters:** www.williamsburgcounty.sc.gov/index.aspx?page=117
 - Hemingway High School
402 S. Main St., Hemingway, SC
 - Kingstree Senior High School West
615 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy., Kingstree, SC
 - Kingstree Senior High School East
616 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy., Kingstree, SC
 - C. E. Murray High School
222 C. E. Murray Blvd., Greeleyville, SC
 - Kingstree Junior High School
710 Third Ave., Kingstree, SC
 - D. P. Cooper Elementary School
4568 Seaboard Rd., Salters, SC
 - Saint Mark Elementary School
6628 Thurgood Marshall Hwy., Kingstree, SC
 - Cades-Hebron Elementary School
3783 Green Rd., Cades, SC
- **Special Needs Shelter:**
 - Williamsburg Regional Hospital
500 Nelson Blvd., Kingstree, SC

York County, SC

- **Office of Emergency Management:** 803-326-2300, www.yorkcountygov.com/LinkClick.aspx?link=330&tabid=105
- **Sheriff's Office (Non-emergency):** 803-628-3059, www.yorkcountysheriff.com
- **Health Department:** 803-684-7004
- **Columbia Region Red Cross:** 803-329-6575, www.upredcross.org

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