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Folly Beach Hurricane Irma Update 12

This is the final Hurricane Irma update. The City has returned to normal operation conditions (OPCON 5).

Access to the island is unrestricted at this time. There is flooding on secondary roads and ongoing work on isolated power outages; please be patient with crews and avoid interfering with their important work. Please exercise caution when returning to your property. Be on the look out for downed power lines and do not drive into flooded areas.

We wish all citizens of Folly Beach a speedy recovery and thank you for helping your neighbors, being patient with City services, and helping to make Folly such a special community.

Citizen Information

- Public Works crews will be collecting debris and manmade/bulk items for the remainder of the week. Please be patient and avoid putting debris in the roadway. Please separate materials by type.
- The Charleston County Emergency Management is asking for reports of damage from residents. This will help with collecting initial damage assessment data from the public to assist with a potential FEMA Declaration and to direct damage assessment teams to the areas hit the hardest. Follow this link to report your damage: <https://www.crisistrack.com/public/charlestonSC/citizenRequest.html>
- FEMA has not yet announced whether individual assistance will be available and will depend on level of damage throughout Charleston County (see bullet above).
- The City has a limited relief fund available for citizens affected by the storm – you could be eligible for small costs in emergency situations. You may apply at the front desk of City Hall during normal business hours, 9am-5pm. The Relief Fund is entirely based on donations; if you wish to make a donation, please make the check out to City of Folly Beach and write “Citizen Relief Fund” in the subject line.
- If you are pumping storm water from your home, please make every effort to pump into the nearest storm drain (not the roadway), although this may not be possible in every location.
- Please view and report all power outages www.sceg.com or 1 800 251 7234.
- Use extreme caution on the beachfront. Severe erosion has created walkover and beach drop offs, exposed hazards, and changed local surf conditions.
- The City Council meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm. The Planning Commission Public Hearing will take place at their normal October meeting October 2, 2017.
- Folly Beach Citizen Information Line has been suspended.
- The Community Center/Folly Beach Library did sustain flooding damage and will be closed until further notice.

Latest information regarding Hurricane Jose from the [National Hurricane Center](#).

- The storm is being monitored, but does not appear to be on track for landfall.
- The storm is projected to create further erosion throughout next week.

Hurricane planning

Please review your personal and family hurricane plan including your evacuation plan and preparing your home for a hurricane.

1. [City of Folly Beach Hurricane Guide](#)
2. [State of SC Hurricane Guide](#)

Code Red Emergency Notifications: Folly Beach residents can register for Code Red, a free program that allows the public to receive voicemail and text message notifications about emergency situations, such as critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods or a hurricane evacuation order. When notified, citizens will hear a message that gives details on the emergency and includes instructions on any actions they should take. *Register online at:* <http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/city-departments-services/public-safety/emergency-notification/>

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