

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Folly Beach Hurricane Florence Update 5

The most updated track indicates that Florence will make landfall as a hurricane near Wilmington, NC and continue as tropical storm strength event as it moves across SC in the direction of Columbia. The potential effects felt on Folly Beach throughout the weekend including heavy rain, strong winds, and tidal flooding. When winds reach unsafe speeds (approx. 40mph), emergency response will be unable to respond to calls for service and won't be able to reach you. If you haven't already, please secure your home and make evacuation plans now. Lanes will be reversed on I-26 between Charleston and Columbia until 6pm today. Evacuation routes can be found here: <http://www.scdot.org/getting/evacuation.aspx>. The City is currently at OPCON 1 and our Municipal Emergency Operations Center is fully activated.

#### Citizen Information

- **Restricted access to the island will continue (24 hours) until after the storm.** The access point is located at Folly Road and Little Oak Island Drive. Please plan to have the following ready to access to the island:
  - Residents and property owners: Please bring **two forms of identification showing residency or ownership** (driver's license, utility bill, deed, tax bill, lease, etc).
  - Property managers, realtors, and brokers must have proof of state license and City of Folly Beach business license.
  - Employees of local businesses must have numbered reentry pass issued by the City and employee credentials (passes not yet picked up are available at Public Safety Dispatch window).
  - Contractors with a Folly Beach business license will be permitted prior to the storm, and in a later phase of re-entry after the storm. Stay tuned to these updates for more information.
- **A curfew will be in place beginning tonight at 9pm until tomorrow morning at 7am** and will continue each evening during those hours throughout the storm.
- **Bags for sandbags for Folly Beach residents and properties are still available** at Public Safety at 106 W Cooper Street – each property is limited to 10 bags. Please bring your own shovel, pick up bags from Public Safety, and fill them at the boat landing. Please do not remove any sand from the beach.
- **The Folly Beach Citizen Information Line is active** for non-emergency questions: 843-588-7006.
- The Charleston Airport remains closed.
- Prior to evacuation, please cut off main electrical breaker switch and cut off gas appliances at the valve to each appliance to prevent fires and gas explosions. For other power information, please visit [sceg.com](http://sceg.com)
- City Hall is closed and Friday's Municipal Court is canceled. The Design Review Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 is cancelled.
- Please do not put yard debris or roll carts out until after the storm passes. No additional trash collection is currently scheduled.
- Charleston County Parks & Rec facilities are closed until further notice.

### **Flooding safety tips from Ready.gov:**

- Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwaters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can seep your vehicle away.
- There could be snakes or other animals in floodwaters. Wear heavy gloves and boots during clean up.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or you are standing in water. If it is safe, turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock.
- Avoid wading in floodwater. The water can contain dangerous debris and be contaminated.

### **Hurricane planning**

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

- [City of Folly Beach Hurricane Guide](#)
- [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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- Visit our website: [www.cityoffollybeach.com](http://www.cityoffollybeach.com)
- Facebook: City of Folly Beach & Folly Beach Department of Public Safety

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