

PRESS RELEASE

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Folly Beach Hurricane Michael Update #2

Hurricane Michael has made landfall as 150 mph hurricane on Florida panhandle. It is moving northeast towards South Carolina and Georgia, with projected tropical storm impacts. The wind and rain are forecasted to be in our area Wednesday night through Thursday evening. Anticipated storm impacts include 25-30mph winds (gusts 40-50mph, particularly during rain bands), 2-3" rain, and elevated risk of rip currents and tornadoes in our area. Officials warn drivers to use caution or avoid using bridges in winds of 30mph and to stay off of bridges at 40mph.

Citizen Information

- No trash collection Thursday. Please secure green and blue roll carts and debris – there will be no collection this week.
- For the safety of staff and the public, **City Hall will close on Thursday**. Charleston County government, Charleston County Parks, and Charleston County Schools will also close on Thursday. We expect City Hall to reopen Friday.
- Folly Beach Citizen Information Line will be active tomorrow morning at 8am: 843-588-7006.
- When winds reach 40mph, we will not be able to answer emergency calls, and water rescues will not be possible under most anticipated conditions tomorrow.
- There is a high likelihood of power outages due to winds and rain. To report a power outage or check the status in our area, please visit: <https://www.sceg.com/outages-emergencies/power-outages>.

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

- Tropical Storm Watch has been issued for Charleston County
- Winds of 25-30mph; gusts 40-50mph, particularly during rain bands
- Tornado threat (heightened by speed of the storm and our location NE of the storm)
- Two-three inches of rain
- Elevated risk of rip currents

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 sweep 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.

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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