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Here is the [latest Nixle alert](#) posted by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office:

**Sunday, October 9, 2016: 09:12 p.m. EDT - Governor lifts evacuation order. Barrier Islands of Beaufort County still unsafe and restricted under local authority.**

*A short time ago, Governor Haley lifted her evacuation order for Beaufort County. **There are still many areas of Beaufort County deemed unsafe by local officials and will be restricted.** Although there are some inland areas of the County with electricity, water and minimal damage, the barrier islands sustained heavy damage and residents will not be allowed entry until deemed safe by authorities. Harbor Island causeway sustained major damage in the form of a sinkhole and has been deemed unsafe by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. This prevents access to Hunting and Fripp Islands. Hilton Head Island still has many impassable roads due to downed power lines and large trees. Law enforcement will be posted at the Harbor Island causeway and Hilton Head Island bridge, where access to residents will be currently be denied. The nature of a recovery effort is fluid and we will continue to keep you advised of updates.*

Residents should call **1-800-963-5023** before attempting re-entry into Beaufort County. To receive the latest alerts from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or text your residential zip code to 888777.