

Beaufort County News Release

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SECTION | COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY DEPARTMENT

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Due to the inclement weather associated with Hurricane Matthew, Beaufort County Administrator Gary Kubic has announced that all County government offices will be closed Wednesday, October 5, 2016 through Sunday, October 9, 2016. The County anticipates offices will return to normal operating hours on Monday, October 10, 2016, subject to a review of environmental conditions. Emergency services and law enforcement will remain available.

Further, Governor Nikki Haley has ordered a **mandatory evacuation** for all coastal communities in South Carolina, including Beaufort and Jasper counties, beginning at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. All residents should evacuate to a location beyond 100 miles from the coast.

The [National Weather Service](#) models predict the storm could move along the South Carolina coast between Friday night and Saturday morning.

The County strongly encourages the public to prepare for severe weather and to monitor the storm on local news media and other information outlets including the following:

- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#)
- [South Carolina Hurricane Guide](#)
- [The Weather Channel](#)

The State of South Carolina's Toll-free Public Information Phone System (PIPS) is provided to disseminate accurate evacuation and shelter information to visitors and citizens for South Carolina during a hurricane evacuation. The toll-free number is **1-866-246-0133**.