

October 10, 2016

## 10/10/16 AM Update from Beaufort County Administration - Hurricane Matthew Recovery

1. **County Offices will be closed on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.** Disaster Recovery personnel are instructed to check with their department head/supervisor regarding their work report status. All other employees are instructed to continue to monitor the County's website ([www.bcgov.net](http://www.bcgov.net)), e-mail, and other local information channels for additional updates.
2. As of 6:00 p.m. on October 9, 2016, there were approximately 73,000 Beaufort County power customers without service. This is a reduction of 20,000 reported yesterday. There are 501 electrical linemen within Beaufort County working to restore power and an additional 250 who are expected to arrive today, October 10, 2016.
3. The County has activated its debris management contract and the vendor currently has 23, four-man teams located within Beaufort County who are actively working with local public works crews to complete a first push (cut and toss) of the primary and secondary roadways within the County.
4. **Fripp Island, Harbor Island, Hilton Head Island, and Hunting Island remain closed except to emergency responders.** All other portions of Beaufort County are open.
5. As of 8:00 a.m. this morning, October 10, 2016, Red Cross shelters have been established at Battery Creek High School ([1 Blue Dolphin Drive, Beaufort](#)) and Bluffton High School ([12 H. E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton](#)). The Battery Creek location had approximately 40 evacuees and Bluffton had approximately 110 as of yesterday evening.
6. **Two food distribution points have been established** in the County where residents and visitors in need of sustenance can obtain bottled water and meals ready to eat (MRE):
  - St. Helena Island Elementary School ([1025 Sea Island Parkway, St Helena Island](#))
  - Hilton Head Island School Complex ([10 Wilborn Rd, Hilton Head Island](#))
7. Due to the substantial loss of power, a number of sewer pump stations and septic systems have overflowed. As such, all residents are advised to avoid areas of standing water out of a concern for contamination. A boil water advisory is in place for portions of St. Helena Island. Further, [Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority](#) is asking its customers to restrict water use to essential use only, as the booster pump stations needed to distribute water to all parts of its service area are without power and being operated on generators.

Residents should **call 1-800-963-5023 for re-entry information** 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.