

Beaufort County News Release

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH AREA | COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY DEPARTMENT

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Hurricane Matthew: Ways to Donate and Volunteer

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, more than 6,100 Beaufort County residents registered for disaster relief assistance as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Please see the information below to donate or volunteer in support of Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts.

DONATIONS

Beaufort County Disaster Recovery officials have organized two donation drop-off sites, open Monday-Friday at the following locations and times:

- Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Beaufort, SC, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Buckwalter Recreation Center, 905 Buckwalter Pkwy, Bluffton, SC, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The following items are accepted on site:

- Clothing (shoes, coats, blankets)
- Canned goods and shelf-stable dry goods
- Baby items (diapers, clothing, baby food)
- Unwrapped toys for Christmas

MONETARY DONATIONS

Monetary donations can be made through the United Way of the Lowcountry. This fund is used to support nonprofit organizations providing relief and recovery assistance to disaster victims. To make a monetary donation, visit www.uwlowcountry.org and click the heart located at the top right corner of the webpage.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Beaufort County is currently seeking volunteer tree service providers and contractors with crane capabilities. To volunteer your services, please contact the United Way of the Lowcountry at volunteer@uwlowcountry.org or call 843-580-8636.

Residents are also encouraged to volunteer within their own networks, such as a church or civic group. If you are not affiliated with a group, please register at www.volunteerSC.org for a list of volunteer opportunities.

Visit www.beaufortcountydisasterrecovery.net for local hurricane relief updates, including volunteer opportunities, debris-removal updates, and FEMA information.