

Beaufort County, South Carolina
General Announcement

UPDATE – September 11, 2018:

Evacuation Notice for Beaufort County Lifted by Governor

Shortly after 11 a.m. today, September 11, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster lifted the evacuation order for Beaufort County that was scheduled to go into effect at 12 noon today. Thank you for continuing to follow official sources of information for updates on Hurricane Florence.

September 10, 2018

Mandatory Evacuation Order for Beaufort County Starts at 12 noon tomorrow, September 11

Governor Henry McMaster, in coordination with local officials, has issued [Executive Order 2018-29](#), which orders the **mandatory evacuation** of Beaufort County and other counties along the coast of South Carolina starting at 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11. Consequently, all Beaufort County government offices and facilities will be closed beginning tomorrow. All Beaufort County public meetings scheduled for this week are canceled. Additional closing information will be shared pending weather conditions/notification from local officials.

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division will continue to closely monitor the track of Hurricane Florence overnight and will keep the public advised of any updates.

Beaufort County residents and visitors are urged to evacuate ahead of the mandatory time for ease of travel. Residents and visitors with limited or no means of transportation to an approved shelter can find assistance through Palmetto Breeze Transit. Please visit their website at www.palmettobreezetransit.com for bus stop locations and pick up times. Traffic lanes on Highway 278 and U.S. 21 will not be reversed at this time, but law enforcement will be standing by if reversal is needed.

Evacuation routes for Beaufort County can be found at the SC Department of Transportation website [here](#).

Sheriff P.J. Tanner will hold a press conference for media (print, television and radio) tomorrow at 12:00 noon at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center, 2001 Duke Street in Beaufort. The press conference will be streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube. The Sheriff's Office will provide links for its press conference tomorrow.

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