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Berkeley County Issues State of Emergency Declaration

Hurricane Dorian Update #3

MONCKS CORNER, S.C.- (Sunday, September 1) Berkeley County Council issued a State of Emergency declaration at the County Committee and Council meeting Sunday, September 1 at 2 p.m.

The declaration was made so aid can be provided to supplement local resources in preventing and/or alleviating damages, loss, hardship or suffering in connection with Hurricane Dorian.

The resolutions are as follows:

A resolution to declare a State of Emergency for Berkeley County due to Hurricane Dorian and provide authority to the County Supervisor to make emergency purchases in accordance with the emergency procurement ordinance, section 50-68 of the code of ordinances for Berkeley County, South Carolina.

A resolution to authorize the County Supervisor and Sheriff to take any necessary actions available under the law, including the implementation of a curfew- if necessary, for duration of the emergency period.

OPERATING CONDITION: Berkeley County moved to OPCON 1 today at 1 p.m. This operating level means the County Emergency Operations Center is fully activated.

SANDBAGS: Berkeley County has started distribution of sandbags to local fire departments and municipalities. Residents are responsible for filling the bags, and the sand is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CITIZEN CALL LINE: Berkeley County opened a citizens’ information line Sunday, September 1. By calling 843-719-4800, residents can get updated information from the County’s Emergency Preparedness Department.

ANIMAL CENTER: Berkeley Animal Center has temporarily stopped accepting animals. The shelter will remain closed until further notice.

CONVENIENCE CENTER: Berkeley County Convenience centers will close at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 2. The County landfill will close at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 2.
Berkeley County will continue to update the County website, Facebook and Twitter pages as new information comes in.