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Morning

Issues:

- None.

Summary:

- Nearly 1,000 people attended Team South Carolina in Clarendon County Monday, including a woman whose house burned down during the rain and flooding; she was able to meet with FEMA one on one.
- Two Team South Carolina flood relief events took place in the lower Pee Dee that Governor Nikki Haley attended, Manning and Kingtree.
- Elderly Clarendon County woman with flood-damaged house interviewed at Clarendon County Team South Carolina event; she is concerned about mold. Has been inspected by FEMA and she is living with a grandson. Haley stresses at Team SC event in Clarendon County that people not patch over mold, but remediate it.
- Team South Carolina will be in Goose Creek Wednesday, and there are two new DRCs in Goose Creek and Huger
- Haley at Team South Carolina event says she understands people are frustrated by the FEMA process; This story, in the Manning Times, is headlined: "Help on the way for mosquito problem"
- The State (Columbia newspaper has now posted a print story based on its video tour with FEMA home inspectors last week. The paper posted the video on Saturday and we had a link to it in Saturday afternoon's news clips. The new print story was posted sometime late yesterday. In it, the homeowner calls FEMA's response "amazing."
- WCBD in Mount Pleasant has posted on its site, verbatim, a FEMA news release on how to apply for aid
- DSNAP program rolls out
- Richland County won't permit rebuilding in floodway
- People who live around dozens of lakes in South Carolina are under emergency orders to repair or replace dams that ruptured or were deemed unsafe by inspectors and the costs could be staggering--thousands of dollars to perhaps millions.
- Interiors of shops at Rosewood Crossing in Columbia had to be gutted after being flooded early this month by Gills Creek. They had been open for only about two months before the flood. Owners estimate it will take \$2 million to redo the stores.
- Lexington 1 school district announces 5 make-up days
- The regional South State Bank launches Disaster Renovation Program and a Disaster Relief Loan, including an option for 1 year of interest-only payments followed by a 30-year repayment plan. How it differs from or is more attractive than an SBA loan isn't clear.
- Multiple warnings about Low Country flooding today due to king tides and heavy rain.
- Fundraisers and charitable events continue around the region

Analysis:

- Lots of in-depth coverage of governor's Team South Carolina events in Kingstree and Manning and good use of FEMA press releases and PIOs in several areas.

Social Listening Analysis:

- **TOPICS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA:**
- **FEMA.** Conversations regarding FEMA and the flooding continues at a minimal level, making up only a small portion of overall FEMA mentions. Public complaints expressed by residents who were either denied assistance or were [not approved for](#) as much assistance as hoped continue at a rate of a few per day.
- **Incoming weather.** Overnight, there has been a slight increase in conversations about the forecast for rain in the next few days. Most mentions of rain are coming from weather-related accounts, but there are also some residents expressing [nervousness](#) due to areas still under a flood threat, especially [Charleston](#).
- **Community relief.** Residents continue to ask questions on community relief pages about needed [relief items](#), [contractor help](#), and other volunteer work. As recovery efforts continue, conversations on social media relief groups have become more centered around making specific calls for assistance rather than broad discussion of efforts, as most people appear to be focusing on recovery activities offline.

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[Florence Morning News](#), October 26, 2015

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Team South Carolina in Clarendon County / Clarendon County Trying to Recover

By Sonia Gutierrez

[WLTX 19](#) CBS Columbia, October 26, 2015

Also at [Video](#)

Manning, SC (WLTX)- Over 3,000 households have already signed up for FEMA assistance in Clarendon County.

Mike Wade with FEMA says they've presented over \$50 million for the state, but leaders here say there's still a lot of need.

On Monday, Governor Nikki Haley helped put care packages together during the Team South Carolina event in Manning. a one-stop resource center for that Haley has been hosting across the region. About 20 tables with both state and federal help were set up in the town's community center.

The line of people waiting to sign up with FEMA, get tetanus shots, or receive care packages was out the door.

During an interview with WLTX, Haley said the biggest challenges facing the county are destroyed homes, roads and mosquitoes.

"We've got some still water laying on the ground we've got some mosquito problems, we've got mosquito trucks coming in this area from other counties, then we've also got a lot of people in need. So if you see we're doing free tetanus shots, we're making sure we have cleaning kits for everybody, we've got food supplies, we've got dippers all those things just to help them get on their feet. Then we want them to register with FEMA" said Haley.

Efforts to clean and rebuild have been underway, but the town's mayor is asking for your help.

"Right now we're trying to assist the elderly, our disabled and challenged individuals with repairing their home," said Mayor Julia Nelson. "So currently we're asking for donations to repair roofs and ceilings so we're asking for shingles, ply board, roofing paper anything you can imagine you would need to repair a roof and ceiling."

If you're interested in donating you can contact Manning City Hall.

Mary Mitchell is one of the 3,000 who registered with FEMA for help. She was displaced from her home in Summerton after she says officials took her out in a boat.

"The flood was all in my front porch then going in the house" said Mitchell.

She's now living with her grandson while she waits for a response from FEMA.

"Well we had to take all the carpet out and I have a lot of mold and I can't live in there like that because I have a heart condition and the mold is not good for me" said Mitchell.

That mold situation facing Mitchell is one Haley says she wants everyone to be very careful with.

"The focus is making sure they don't patch over that mold but that we actually rebuild it, we clean it up and get it safe again, making sure they get tetanus shots because they don't need to be doing their houses on their own without their tetanus shots, that's why we have the free tetanus shots here, we've got free water testing we want you to get your well water tested so we want to make sure it's safe when you're drinking it so a lot of different resources are needed but we've got a lot of resources here just for that reason" said Haley.

Governor To Visit Goose Creek To Help Flood Victims

By Dave Munday

[Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#), October 27, 2015

Gov. Nikki Haley will visit Goose Creek on Wednesday to help flood victims in the Charleston area.

The Team South Carolina flood-relief event for Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goose Creek Community Center at 519A N. Goose Creek Blvd., according to an announcement from the governor's office.

Representatives from state and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations will be on hand to explain what help is available.

Also, two disaster-recovery centers for flooding victims are open in Berkeley County.

One is at the Goose Creek Magistrate Court at 303 N. Goose Creek Blvd. The other is at the Berkeley County Medic Station 7 at 1501 Recreation Road.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency centers are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Haley Stops In Pee Dee For Disaster Relief Event

By Joshua Lloyd

[Florence \(SC\) Morning News](#), October 27, 2015

KINGSTREE, S.C. – During a Monday morning visit in Kingstree, Gov. Nikki Haley helped pack disaster relief kits and talked to local flood victims about their options for repairing damages done to their property during the "1,000-year flood."

The event, held at the Williamsburg County Recreational Complex, was a part of Haley's "Team South Carolina" initiative, aimed at providing resources to families and businesses impacted by flooding across the state. It was targeted at Williamsburg and Florence counties.

"Team South Carolina is out to help everybody, and we're not going to stop until we come out of this stronger than when we started," Haley said. "We're going to keep coming back to these areas until they feel like they're on their feet again."

FEMA officials and agents with the U.S. Small Business Administration were on hand, helping with applications for relief. Several state departments were also on hand, including Social Services, Employment and Workforce, Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance and Health and Environmental Control.

A variety of nonprofit organizations were there as well, providing food and cleaning supplies to attendees.

"There is a real need out there, and I will tell you we have done a great job with debris removal and getting our roads back open, but turn into a neighborhood and you'll see devastation real quick," Haley said. "If you are a person who has been blessed, pay it forward and go help these people rebuild."

More than three weeks have passed since historic rainfalls struck the state, and officials have yet to place an estimated price-tag on damage totals.

Haley said her focus for now is getting the state back to its pre-flood condition, rather than take up previously proposed infrastructure improvement measures – such as a 10-cent hike on the gas tax, a drop in state income tax and a transportation department overhaul.

"We'll continue to do this (relief centers), but at some point FEMA is going to stop, at some point the state will only be able to do so much," she said. "In January, we'll decide where we are and we'll go from there, but for right now our focus is on the people of South Carolina and those in need."

During the most recent legislative session, the Senate considered an infrastructure funding bill that calls for \$800 million in extra funding, with a 12-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase and no increases or decreases on personal income taxes.

The Department of Transportation previously said it would need \$400 million in extra revenue a year just to keep state roads in their current condition. To improve roads, increase lanes and build new highways would take an extra \$1 billion or more annually.

Haley said even though the state positioned itself to tackle its notoriously shoddy infrastructure next session, there won't be a definitive answer on whether that funding will be enough until all assessments have been made.

“We had something in this state we never expected,” she said. “We pre-positioned (for road repairs), but then there was rain – we had 24 inches in 24 hours – and then there was more rain that sat.

“In some cases, we can do assessments now, and in some cases we can’t get the county to do the assessments yet. The current situation for me right now is getting us back and running.”

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Walking Through A Flood-damaged Home With FEMA

By Avery G. Wilks

[Columbia \(SC\) State](#), October 27, 2015

Kimberly Sonnenfeld walked through the halls of what once was her home, explaining to a FEMA housing inspector which parts of the house were the kitchen, the bedrooms and the “Woman Cave.”

Not much is left inside the home on Glenhaven Drive off South Beltline Boulevard, now a skeleton of wood beams, ruined flooring and dangling wires.

Almost everything, from the chandelier to the floor, is covered with debris from the floodwaters that swept through the house Oct. 4, forcing out Sonnenfeld, her friend who owns the home and their pets.

“You see this on TV all the time, but you never expect it to be here,” Sonnenfeld said. “And it was horrible. And you start thinking, ‘What do I have? What do I have? What do I do?’ “

Last week, Sonnenfeld took another step on the road to recovery. She walked a FEMA housing official past the flat-screen televisions lying face down on the lawn and into her home for an inspection. Then, she listed what she had lost as the inspector tapped the screen on his tablet.

She explained how she had awakened on Oct. 4 and stepped into up to 8 inches of water, thinking the water heater must have broken. Sonnenfeld then told the inspector that she heard neighbors outside, calling to her to leave the house, and – tearing up more than once – how she escaped with just a few valuables.

She’s hoping to get help for paying rent, replacing her vehicle and restarting her janitorial and cleaning business.

Sonnenfeld, 45, is one of more than 66,000 people statewide who had registered for aid with the Federal Emergency Management Agency through Monday, spokesman Ken Higginbotham said. More are expected to sign up.

FEMA has completed more than 97 percent of the 52,000 inspections of damaged sites that it has scheduled so far, Higginbotham said. Those inspections will continue until after the Dec. 4 deadline to apply for disaster aid, he said.

Inspectors check off items damaged or lost during the flooding, including flooring, walls, electric wiring, appliances and personal items, he said. Thus far, FEMA has disbursed nearly \$48 million in disaster aid and about \$42 million in housing assistance statewide to those who were forced out of their homes, Higginbotham said. It also has disbursed more than \$5.5 million in assistance for other expenses, such as medical supplies, he said.

It would be tough to leave a place where Sonnenfeld made so many memories, including cookouts on Sundays and watching “cheesy shows” in the Woman Cave, a room with a couch, loveseat and televisions, she said. But, she said, she’s been thrilled with the support she has received since the flood.

“FEMA’s been amazing,” Sonnenfeld said. “I called them, and literally within two hours, I got a call back. You know, I’m not asking for anything, but the help has been amazing.”

Neighbors, civic organizations and law enforcement also have offered help, she said. One man who usually asks her for money on her way to buy a lottery ticket recently offered her a dollar bill and his bus fare, she said. "It's just this warm comfort that you just feel in this state," she said. "It's amazing."

Sonnenfeld said she's staying with another friend, whose husband drowned in his car during the flood, while she tries to get back on her feet. She hopes to get back to work soon. "It's kind of hard," she said. "It's a day-by-day thing. I've got shoes, though, so that's OK."

Call 800-621-3362 or visit disasterassistance.gov to apply for FEMA disaster aid. The deadline to apply is Dec. 4. FEMA officials are available daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Lexington County residents at libraries in Lexington and Irmo and for Richland County residents at libraries in southeast Columbia and Eastover.

City Of Columbia Offers Hotline For Residents Needing Answers To Flood-related Questions

By Kelly Petty

[Columbia \(SC\) Daily](#), October 27, 2015

The city of Columbia has set up a hotline for residents who still need questions answered after the floods damaged parts of Columbia earlier this month.

The mayor's office has launched the Columbia Area Recovery Effort Hotline to offer assistance and resources to those impacted by the flood.

"The CARE Hotline is designed to recognize that people have significant needs that sometimes are not addressed by the traditional processes," said Mayor Steve Benjamin. "We just need to do a little bit more to help meet them."

Benjamin said residents can get access to a number of resources including legal advice to get through the FEMA appeals process, receive clothing and furniture.

The mayor said the hotline is a collaborative effort between the state emergency management division, Department of Social Services, local Red Cross chapter, South Carolina Department of Insurance and the Attorney General's Office.

Residents can call 1-866-272-1976 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to speak to someone. Spanish language interpreters are also available.

Find Flood Recovery Resources At Team SC Event

[WCIV-TV Charleston \(SC\)](#), October 27, 2015

GOOSE CREEK, S.C. (WCIV) – Gov. Nikki Haley will be in Goose Creek Wednesday for a Team South Carolina flood relief event. The event is for residents of the tri-county area and will be held October 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Goose Creek Community Center.

Ahead of the Team SC visit, two new disaster recovery centers opened in Berkeley County to help South Carolina flood survivors.

The centers, one in Goose Creek and one in Huger are open 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies are at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid.

The disaster recovery centers are located at the following addresses:

Berkeley County- Goose Creek

303 N. Goose Creek Boulevard

Goose Creek, SC 29445

Berkeley County- Huger

Berkeley County Emergency Services No. 7

1501 Recreation Road

Huger, SC 29450

Team South Carolina event organizers provide a one-stop-shop for people looking for flood recovery resources.

Register for financial assistance from FEMA

Apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration

Learn more about repairing and flood proofing their home from FEMA

Get information about assistance for farmers with crop losses or damage from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency

Apply for unemployment benefits from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce

Apply for food and financial assistance from the S.C. Department of Social Services

Get information about mental health and other healthcare services from the S.C. Department of Mental Health and the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Get help with insurance claims from the S.C. Department of Insurance

Receive a free kit to test well water from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Receive a free tetanus shot from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Flood-battered Clarendon County Receiving Aid From State, Federal Officials

By Billie Jean Shaw

[WIS-TV Columbia \(SC\)](#), October 26, 2015

CLARENDON COUNTY, SC (WIS) –

Gov. Nikki Haley is continuing to host Team South Carolina Day in counties that were heavily affected after the flood. Today, relief efforts took place in Clarendon County.

Nearly 1,000 people attended today's Team SC Day. People in the community say several questions still remain on how those impacted by the flood can receive help.

However, that is what today all about – getting people those answers.

Several agencies such as SBA, FEMA, DHEC, and DSS provided information on the services they offer and how they can help flood victims get back on their feet. Care packages consisting of food, tarps, cleaning supplies and blankets were also distributed.

We do know that Clarendon County was one of the hardest hit areas during the flooding. Although it's been about three weeks, residents are still struggling.

"On the fourth of October, the water was leaking through the ceiling and the water was coming down through the ceiling it hit the air conditioning with the electricity, because the ceiling was leaking and then the house caught on fire. We lost everything, no shoes, no clothes, we lost everything," flood victim Madeline Billups. "Our truck, we only had one truck we lost it."

Like Madeline, many others in the county are still dealing with the aftermath.

So the issue is very much alive and well in Clarendon County.

Shortly after that interview with Madeline, a FEMA representative came over and spoke one on one with her about how FEMA can help. That is why Monday's event was so important.

If you were unable to attend the event and still have questions, on Tuesday WIS will host a town hall meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Manning High School Lecture Hall. County and state agencies will be here to answer any questions you have about relief efforts.

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Greenwood Co. Families Need To Apply For Federal Help Soon

By Amy Wood

[WSPA-TV Greenville \(SC\)](#), October 27, 2015

If Greenwood County families that suffered flood damage don't apply for help by December 4th, they will miss out entirely on the federal dollars available to them.

7 News's Amy Wood met with Deanna Frazier – who has moved from Minnesota to South Carolina for the next two months to encourage families get that help.

She says nearly 200 families have asked for the help. Another 400 are expected to be eligible.

Families can get \$33,000, and can also apply for SBA home loans at low interest rates.

To apply visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA.

FEMA representatives are also on site at the Newberry County Sheriff's Office on 550 Wilson Road in Newberry to answer questions about assistance for victims of the flooding.

FEMA will be on hand until 7:00pm Tuesday to answer questions about qualifications for assistance and to advise of paperwork needed to qualify.

Gov. Haley makes stop in Williamsburg County for flood relief event

By Nick Sturdivant

[WBTW News 13](#), CBS Myrtle Beach-Florence, October 26, 2015

KINGSTREE, SC (WBTW) – On Monday, two Team South Carolina flood relief events took place in the lower Pee Dee that Governor Nikki Haley attended.

One of the events was in Manning while the other was in Kingstree.

Kingstree was hit especially hard.

Gov. Haley first stopped in Kingstree to see how Florence and Williamsburg County residents are doing after the

historic flooding.

She slipped right in and spent the morning packing supply boxes and talking to people.

"I don't mind taking pictures but we got a job to do. And my job is not just behind the desk my job is to make sure they are packing boxes and that we are getting this out to the people," Haley said.

For those impacted by flooding in counties across the state, Team South Carolina events serve as one-stops where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers.

Team South Carolina events bring together representatives from state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations to assist those in need in the wake of statewide flooding.

"We are going to keep coming to these areas until they feel like they are back on their feet again. And this is happening faster than we hoped, but it is not fast enough for me," explained Haley.

Again, the Governor helped host a similar event today in Manning.

Haley reiterated that everyone who's been affected by the flood should register with FEMA.

Haley: Help on the way for 'mosquito problem'

By Robert Joseph Baker

[Manning Times](#)/Manning Live, Oct 26, 2015

Gov. Nikki Haley said during a stop Monday in Manning that two teams from outside of Clarendon County came in Monday and will be in the county Tuesday to combat the county's ongoing mosquito problem.

The critters have gotten worse since the 1,000-year flood that caused other problems with infrastructure and homes throughout Clarendon and other hard-hit areas in the state.

Haley's stop was part of the Team South Carolina event hosted at the Clarendon County Community Center behind Weldon Auditorium. The event served as a "one-stop" for those in need of relief from the recent torrential downpour that put more than 20 inches of rain on Clarendon County in a three-day span in early October.

"This is South Carolina working together," Haley said. "We want people to know that, if you didn't have any damages, please pay your blessings forward. But if you do have damage, you don't have to come to us. We will come to you."

State and federal agencies from Health and Human Services, the Department of Revenue, the state Housing Authority, the Department of Social Services, the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief of South Carolina, the Small Business Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Administration were on hand to help residents with claims and other problems.

Haley said she understands that South Carolina residents are "frustrated with the process (of filing for federal aid)."

"But we know there are proper steps that you have to go through," she said. "We want you to apply with FEMA whether or not you have insurance or whether or not you're a small business."

Haley said farmers can seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and homeowners can seek assistance from the Housing Authority for 24 months rent or mortgage assistance.

"We have heard of folks being denied and getting frustrated with the process, but we still urge you to apply for assistance," Haley said.

SBA Public Affairs Specialist Adrienne Laneave said the agency has approved more than \$12.9 million in loans.

"We know that another loan may not be what homeowners with damage want to hear, but a low-interest loan can get immediate capital into their hands to restore their dwelling to make it a home again," Laneave said.

She said the SBA isn't hindered by insurance arrangements that make applications with FEMA more likely to be denied. FEMA spokesman Mike Wade said the agency cannot "duplicate the money you get for insurance, and therefore we require you to provide us the proof that the homeowner has been denied."

"So, if you need immediate help, the SBA may be the way to go in that instance," he said.

Laneave agreed.

"With the SBA, you're not waiting for insurance to come back and tell you whether you've been denied for your claim," she said. "We're not waiting on insurance claims at the SBA."

Wade said every household is considered individually with FEMA.

"We think of FEMA as stuff for immediate needs, and the SBA is for long-term recovery needs," he said. "Residents apply and provide us the information, and they may be referred to the SBA. It's important if they are referred to fill out the loan application and send it in. They may be referred back to FEMA for more assistance."

Along with providing information and speaking with local residents, Haley also helped pack boxes with cleaning supplies, food and other items for flood relief.

"We've had a record turnout here so far," Haley said. "We've got folks who aren't afraid to ask for help. And the solution is in this room."

Haley said her team is also working toward the big picture, where “when we run out of solutions, we will have something else to help our citizens.”

“Overall, this recovery will not be a one-day fix,” she said. “It’s not going to take us a long time either.”

Asked about farmers’ current needs, Haley said farming in Clarendon County was “devastated.”

“Every day I went up in the air to look, and you couldn’t find the farms,” she said. “We found ponds. We found lakes. They were where farms used to be. So, being able to help the farmers is crucial.”

She said being able to visit citizens was also crucial for her.

“I need to be here and talk to your county administrators, the mayors and other officials to make sure we are meeting your needs,” Haley said.

That’s how she discovered the mosquito issue, she noted.

“I’ve heard a lot about the problem you’re having with the mosquitoes, and that’s why two other counties brought trucks in today,” she said.

Haley reiterated that, no matter what, residents should apply with FEMA, even if they believe they will be denied. She also encouraged denied applicants to appeal.

“It is very important to register with FEMA,” she said. “The aid the state gets is based off of all of our applicants.”

FEMA Assistance: How to apply

By News Release

[WCBD](#), News 2 NBC, Mount Pleasant, Oct. 26, 2015

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Obama’s disaster declaration issued for the State of South Carolina.

Assistance for Affected Individuals and Families Can Include as Required:

- Rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance may be provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters. Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs. (Source: FEMA funded at 75 percent of total eligible costs; 25 percent funded by the state.)

- Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for state benefits, such as self-employed individuals. (Source: FEMA funded; state administered.)

- Low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans available up to \$200,000 for primary residence; \$40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to \$2 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance. (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)

- Loans up to \$2 million for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes that have suffered disaster-related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster’s adverse economic impact. This loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of \$2 million. (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)

- Loans up to \$500,000 for farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators to cover production and property losses, excluding primary residence. (Source: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.)

- Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veterans’ benefits and social security matters.

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Affected individuals and business owners in designated areas can begin the disaster application process by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local and Tribal Governments Can Include as Required:

- Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for emergency protective measures taken to save lives

and protect property and public health. Emergency protective measures assistance is available to state and eligible local and tribal governments on a cost-sharing basis. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

- Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state, local and tribal governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Application procedures for state, local and tribal governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

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South Carolina Disaster SNAP program application period begins

By Jo Brown

[WBTW](#), News 13, CBS Myrtle Beach, October 26, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WBTW) – As some county Disaster SNAP application periods kick off Tuesday, the South Carolina Department of Social Services would like to emphasize that applicants must wait for the designated start week for their county to apply.

The application period for Horry and Florence Counties is the week of November 16th – 20th. Operation hours are from 9am-7pm.

Both non-SNAP and SNAP residents in the affected counties seeking assistance may apply for the Disaster SNAP according to the schedule released by DSS.

Deadlines approach for unemployment assistance

By Shelli Adamczyk

[WACH](#) Fox 57, Columbia, October 26th 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) - It's been almost a month since historic flooding swept across the state leaving many temporarily jobless.

Now for some counties in the state time is limited for people to register for disaster unemployment assistance.

Officials with the department of employment and workforce want people to know the time to apply is now .

"Anyone who has lost a wage because they couldn't do their job or couldn't get to their work site and they lost wages are eligible for this program," said Bob Bouyea with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

Right now, people in 22 counties are eligible to receive disaster unemployment assistance.

Applicants have 30 days from the time a county has been declared a disaster to file a claim under this program.

Those counties and deadlines are:

Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, Williamsburg - Nov. 4

Berkeley, Clarendon, Sumter - Nov. 5

Calhoun, Darlington, Florence, Kershaw, Lee - Nov. 6

Bamberg, Colleton, Greenwood - Nov. 7

Newberry - Nov. 12

Fairfield, Marion - Nov. 19

The criteria that people need to receive assistance:

Individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

Self-employed individuals and small business owners who lost income due to the disaster.

Individuals who were prevented from working due to an injury caused by the disaster.

Individuals who have become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death or injury of the previous major supplier of household income.

Individuals who are unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.

Individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment but were prevented by the disaster

You can go to www.dew.sc.gov for any further information or updates or call 888-834-5890.

Red Cross services available in local resource centers

[Florence Morning News](#), October 26, 2015

LAKE CITY, S.C. — Volunteers from the American Red Cross and other community organizations continue to provide comfort and hope in South Carolina, weeks after devastating flooding uprooted lives and destroyed homes across the state.

Volunteers are available to help people create personal disaster recovery plans, navigate paperwork and access additional resources at the following multi-agency resource centers:

Williamsburg Recreation Center, 2086 Thurgood Marshall Hwy., Kingstree, Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Mt. Claire Missionary Baptist Church, 1009 East Main St., Lake City, Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

A diverse network of organizations and services will be available at both locations. Anyone in need of Red Cross flood related services and resources who is unable to attend one of the above resource centers should call 855-773-3175.

Richland County: Rebuilding Homes Not Allowed in Flood Way

By Joyce Koh

[WLTX](#) 19 CBS, Columbia , Oct. 26, 2015

Richland County says structures that lie in a floodway will not be allowed to rebuild.

Columbia, SC (WLTX)- Richland County flood manager Andrea Bolling confirmed Monday that structures that have to be demolished will not be able to rebuild if they are located on a flood way.

Although the City of Columbia is within Richland County, they have a different ordinance that allows rebuilding. If you are in the city limits, this doesn't apply to you.

The county says they're also hoping to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through FEMA, a voluntary program where the government can buy land from owners then turn it into green space.

It could take anywhere from 18-months to two years to see that happen.

All lanes of Forest Drive open after repairs on flood damage

[WIS TV](#) 10 Oct. 26, 2015

FOREST ACRES, SC (WIS) - One of the major roads impacted by flooding in Forest Acres is open through all lanes.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation says repairs on Forest Drive are finished. Lanes were closed on Forest Drive between Trenholm Road and Gregg Parkway where the Gills Creek passes under the road. Gills Creek was one of the waterways that flooded earlier this month.

Crews are still working to open other roads and bridges across the state damaged during the flood.

Since flooding forced 541 roads closed statewide, the South Carolina Department of Transportation says 129 remain closed, including 12 primary routes. [Click here](#) for a link to the updated list of road closures.

Homeowners Faced With Big Bills To Fix Dams Deemed Unsafe

By Seanna Adcox

[Associated Press](#), October 27, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) – People who live around dozens of lakes in South Carolina are under emergency orders to repair or replace dams that ruptured or were deemed unsafe by inspectors after the historic rains this month, and they face staggering bills ranging from thousands of dollars to perhaps millions.

Those legally responsible for the dams – mainly homeowner associations and individual families – don't have a lot of time to develop their plans and face potential fines if they don't comply. They also don't have any certainty about how to pay for the projects. Privately owned dams generally aren't eligible for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance. How much all of it will cost is still unknown.

"That's the magic question," said Laban Chappell, co-owner of a 40-acre lake in Lexington that emptied when the lake's dam failed Oct. 4.

Chappell owns an old mill that has been converted into shops and restaurants near the lake. He's been told it will take no less than a million dollars to repair the dam, depending on the design. For now, he's too busy trying to get flooded businesses back up and running to think about how or whether to rebuild the dam.

He is among dam owners under an Oct. 30 deadline to hire an engineer and figure it out. The directive comes from the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the agency responsible for inspecting the dams but one that has been historically understaffed and underfunded, and in some cases never inspected dams before they breached.

Across the state, 75 dams are under emergency repair orders – 28 of them in hard-hit Richland County, where floodwaters busted through or spilled over a series of earthen dams built decades ago along Gills Creek, which runs through the capital city area of Columbia. An engineer's detailed inspection, as well as repair or replacement plans, must be submitted by month's end to the state environmental agency.

If owners don't comply with those orders, the agency "will hire a contractor to go in and take necessary action to protect public safety" and send the owners a bill, agency head Catherine Heigel told The Associated Press. That's in addition to a \$1,000 fine. Owners could also face penalties of up to \$500 daily.

As of Monday, 11 dam owners had yet to respond.

The orders followed post-flood assessments on all 652 dams statewide classified as dangerous to lives and/or property if they fail. The first deadline – to lower or drain the lakes under an engineer's supervision – passed last week.

For owners of 31 dams breached during the storms, that directive was laughable. Beyond puddles, there's no water to lower.

Erich Miarka, the Gills Creek Watershed Association coordinator, said homeowner groups want to comply with the agency, but the orders caused confusion.

"Some of the lakes can't be drained as rapidly as DHEC might want" without causing more problems, he said. "Everyone's in chaos mode."

He has been told that rebuilding an earthen dam could cost between \$300,000 and \$1 million. Simply putting in a new outlet for controlling water levels could cost \$20,000, he said.

Cary Lake's dam, rebuilt in 1988, failed despite receiving a satisfactory review from the environmental agency last year and the lake being lowered several feet before the storm. When the dam washed away, so did the road on top, cutting off access to Alicia de Myhrer's home and 15 others. The state Department of Transportation won't do any work until the dam's rebuilt.

"That was the only way to get in and out, so now we're stuck," de Myhrer said.

For now, neighbors are allowing a one-vehicle-wide path through their property. What the lake's 50 homeowners will do next is yet to be determined.

Downstream, Forest Lake's concrete-reinforced dam never ruptured, though a torrent of water – and at least one boat – gushed over the top. Homeowners opened the floodgate soon after the storm to assess damage. Still, draining the lake by Oct. 20 was impossible, said Edwin Cooper, president of the homeowners' group.

"We were already lowering ours just as fast as we could," he said.

He is among homeowners who hope help will come from state or federal allocations, akin to Congress' Hurricane Sandy relief in 2013. But four of South Carolina's congressmen and both U.S. senators voted against that package, so it's unclear whether something like that would be approved.

The state House budget-writing committee meets Nov. 5 to start discussing potential recovery costs.

Experts say it's possible but improbable that dam owners have private insurance to cover such repairs. South Carolina Insurance News Service director Russ Dubisky said such coverage would have to be a specialized, and likely expensive, addition. Many homeowner groups have insurance that covers liabilities such as drownings or playground injuries, not dam repairs.

South Carolina's dam safety program, responsible for about 2,400 dams statewide, is among the nation's lowest funded, according to the Association of State Dam Safety Officials. DHEC's staff of seven is actually an improvement from a decade ago, when fewer than two worked full-time, according to the agency.

The agency "has done the best it can do with the resources it's had and the priorities set for those resources," said Heigel, confirmed for the job in June. The way forward, she said, "is not to engage in a game of blame, but to accept what we've learned from this flood event and work to make the program stronger."

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After recent grand opening, Rosewood Crossing stores could be closed for months

By Michal Higdon,

[WIS TV 10](#) NBC Columbia, Oct 26, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - The rebuilding process continues for many businesses damaged by the floods, including the shops at Rosewood Crossing in Columbia.

The Devine Street stores had been open for about two months before they became flooded earlier this month.

Structurally, all of the buildings at Rosewood Crossing are okay. But the inside Michael's, PetSmart and

Marshall's, everything had to be gutted. Flood waters rose to nearly seven feet inside some of the stores because of the overflow of Gills Creek. All the merchandise was ruined.

The stores had just opened toward the end of this summer.

The development company who built Rosewood Crossing, Meyers Brothers Properties, says it invested about \$13 million into the development. Myers Brothers Properties says it's going to take another \$2 million to replace everything.

All of the contents from the stores have been removed and now the company hopes to start the reconstruction process this week.

"Basically we've had to remove everything. I mean the sheet rock, the doors, electrical. Everything will have to come out. And right now if you walked in the stores, you know from eight feet down, there's nothing but the metal studs in the concrete flooring is what is left below eight feet. And then we'll just have to go in and replace everything," says Matthew Sasser the Vice President with Meyers Brothers Properties.

Sasser says the space has been filled in the complex and now tenants are just waiting for renovations to be done. Those new businesses include Kirkland's, Sola Salon, Tropical Smoothie, Chicken Salad Chick, and a deal is in the works with Cromer's.

"They're all hanging in there. Fortunately everyone was doing exceptionally well, this was a very good project for everybody involved and we haven't had any tenants fall out on us. We hope to get open in the early spring, kind of the February-March time frame. Everybody ought to be able to open up at the same time," says Sasser.

We has reached out to several businesses near Rosewood Crossing that suffered significant damage from the floods, such as Subway and Jersey Mike's, We have not heard back from them yet. However, the Smashburger and the Moe's on Devine have both been back open for several days now.

Owner of flood-damaged South Carolina factory speeds up plant shutdown

John McDermott

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 26 2015

The owner of a longtime manufacturing plant in Columbia is closing the factory months earlier than scheduled because of damage from this month's historic floods.

Intertape Polymer Group Inc. had announced previously that it would shutter the site by June 2016. It is accelerating the closing because the aging building sustained "considerable" damage from the torrential rains in early October, the company said in filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As a result, production is be transferred earlier than scheduled to Intertape's nearby Blythewood plant. Also, some work will be temporarily moved to Marysville, Mich.

The 350,000-square-foot Columbia site made masking tape and stenciling products. It generated annual sales of \$55 million, the company said.

Intertape said it continues to assess the damage in Columbia and that it believes most of the losses will be covered by insurance. It also said it "is taking all reasonable measures to ensure that customers' needs are met."

The company closed the Blythewood plant for two days after the flooding, but that factory was not damaged.

The Columbia manufacturing site on South Beltline Boulevard had been in operation for more than 50 years. Intertape Polymer Group, which is based in Montreal and Florida, acquired it in 1998 and announced in 2013 that it would invest \$26 million to move its 350-worker Midlands operations to a modern building in Blythewood to reduce operating expenses.

The relocation within Richland County included cutting an undisclosed number of jobs.

Lexington 1 Schools announce weather makeup days

Five school days have been academic calendar

Students will have full days on Jan. 5 and 6, March 25, April 22 and May 16, 2016

By Noah Feit

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 26, 2015

Similar story on [WACH Fox 57](#), Columbia, and at [Columbia Daily](#)

LEXINGTON, SC -- Lexington 1 Schools announced Monday that it will make up the five days that were lost at the beginning of October because of the historic flooding.

In addition to the three severe weather makeup days – March 25, April 22 and May 16, 2016 – the district has added Jan. 4 and 5, 2016 as two full school days, said Chief Communications Officer Mary Beth Hill. According to Hill, these makeup days originally were designated as teacher workdays/professional development days.

Hill said there are some other changes to the academic calendar. She said Dec. 18 was originally a half day but will become a full day, and Jan. 15 will become a half day after originally being scheduled as a full day.

Another change will only affect staff, Hill said of turning the Feb. 15 Presidents Day holiday into a teacher workday/professional development day. Hill said it will remain a holiday for students.

The revised calendar appears on the district's website at <http://www.lexington1.net/academic-calendar>.

Flooding and backlog of road projects will fuel debate on gas tax

By Kirk Brown

[Independent Mail](#), Anderson, Oct. 26, 2015

With widespread damage to the state's roads and bridges from recent flooding, coupled with a looming backlog of highway projects, legislators are preparing for another debate about raising South Carolina's gas tax.

Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts recently joined with the mayors of Greenville, Charleston and eight other South Carolina cities in calling for an increase in the state's 16-cent per gallon gas tax.

"We should not allow necessary recovery work to cause resources to be diverted from desperately needed road repairs all across our state," reads a column signed by Roberts and the other mayors that was published in the *Independent Mail* earlier this month. "Now is the right time for our General Assembly to increase the gas tax, thereby creating a recurring funding source for the future — not one-time funding that is merely a stop gap measure."

The state Department of Transportation has estimated that South Carolina needs an extra \$1.5 billion annually to maintain and expand its highway network during the next 25 years. That figure does not take into account damage from this month's flooding, which is still being calculated.

The poor quality of South Carolina's roads "is very important for cities and towns in the state," said Roberts in an interview. He served as president of the state's Municipal Association last year.

Rep. Brian White agrees with the mayors. The Republican from Anderson is chairman of the state House of Representatives budget-writing Ways and Means Committee.

"The general populous of the state wants our roads fixed," White said in an interview Monday. "Something has to be done. We should have done it last year."

The House passed a bill in April that sought to raise the state's gas tax by 10 cents a gallon. The legislation would have generated \$427 million a year for road funding while also cutting the average resident's income taxes by \$48 annually.

The South Carolina Senate Finance Committee passed its own roads bill that included a 12-cent per gallon increase in the gas tax over three years. The Senate measure, which also included other fee increases, would have brought in an extra \$800 million annually.

But Sen. Tom Davis, a Republican from Beaufort, led a filibuster against the gas-tax increase that blocked its passage. Legislators instead approved a one-time, \$216 million appropriation that was divided among the state's 46 counties.

Anderson County's two state senators, Republicans Billy O'Dell and Kevin Bryant, both serve on their chamber's finance committee. They expressed sharply differing views Monday about the gas tax.

O'Dell, the senior member of the county's legislative delegation, said he favors raising the gas tax to help pay for fixing the state's roads.

"If we don't, we are going to lose our economic advantage and that is the worst that could happen," he said.

Bryant said he will oppose efforts to increase the gas tax, which has not been raised since 1987.

"There is no way that I am going to support a tax increase," Bryant said.

"We've got to live within our means," he said. Bryant suggested that the state should reduce spending on Medicaid to free up more money for road projects.

Despite what they see as strong support from the public and business groups like the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, O'Dell and White both said it is too soon to know if legislators will agree to raise the gas tax during an election year.

The gas tax is one issue that Bryant and his Republican challenger, former Pendleton Mayor Carol Burdette, disagree on.

"I am hearing from many people that they are willing to pay more to repair the roads," said Burdette, adding that she believes lawmakers have a duty to listen to their constituents.

The damage from the widespread flooding that temporarily closed scores of roads and bridges across the state earlier this month is certain to play a role in next year's debate. A special Senate panel will hold its first meeting Wednesday regarding flood relief efforts. White said his committee will convene on Nov. 5 to gather information on the flooding from Department of Transportation and other state agencies. The General Assembly will begin its 2016 session in January.

White said it may be several weeks before state officials have solid damage estimates from the flooding. He said the amount of federal aid that the state will receive is another unknown.

What is clear, White said, is that what state officials have described as a 1,000-year flood will “obviously” be a factor in the next state budget.

OPINION-Scoppe: Let Facts, Not Preconceived Notions, Dictate Flood Recovery Decisions

By Cindi Ross Scoppe

[Columbia \(SC\) State](#), October 27, 2015

THE FLOODWATERS hadn't receded before we saw our state dividing into two camps over what lessons, if any, we should take away from the deluge and the floods. And the divisions, I fear, are hardening by the day.

From the one camp comes the idea that it's absurd to blame government for any failures in a 1,000-year flood; from the other comes the idea that everything would have been just fine if we had a government that was willing to do its job.

I suspect these divisions track closely with preconceived notions — liberals blaming the government, conservatives blaming liberals for blaming anything other than nature. In fact, I can't help wondering if people would respond the same way if our state were controlled by Democrats instead of Republicans — or if we would see massive role reversal.

Maybe everyone's opinion should be discounted, at least for the time being

Actually, there's a test for that: Anyone who is convinced that the Democratically controlled city of Columbia was definitely to blame for the water problems but that the Republican-controlled state of South Carolina bears no blame for roads, bridges and dam breaks (or vice-versa) is being a partisan rather than a thinker. That person's opinions should be discounted immediately.

Or maybe everyone's should be, at least for the time being.

The fact is we do not yet know which is the case — or which is closer to the case; the truth likely is somewhere in between. So what we need to do is withhold judgment until we know better. And we need to be willing to accept what that better knowledge tells us, even if it doesn't comport with our preconceived notions.

In fact, that would be a smart way of doing things regardless of what those things are.

What we need to concentrate on right now is figuring out, as best as we can, why dams breached and houses and apartments and businesses were flooded and streets and bridges gave way and water lines burst. Was it simply because of all the rain, or could more stringent safety requirements and tougher zoning requirements and building codes and newer roads and bridges and pipes have made a difference?

A good place to start looking for the answer might be to compare how roads, bridges, dams and water lines in good repair fared compared to those that had been identified as being in bad shape. Another might be to compare how homes that were elevated fared compared to similarly situated homes that were not, or whether buildings that were just outside of a flood zone actually did come out better, as you would expect, than those just inside the zone.

A good question to ask in assessing blame might be this: Would it have been reasonable a month ago to expect more — from dam owners and state government and the city of Columbia? For example, we should have expected more from an owner who had been notified by DHEC that his dam needed repairs. I'm not sure we should have expected the city to fortify the Columbia Canal.

A good question to ask in setting a post-recovery course might be this: What would be reasonable to require going forward? As in: Would it be reasonable to prohibit building or rebuilding in the areas where the floodwaters rose 8 feet? Or 2 feet? Would it be reasonable to require dam owners to return Gills Creek to its natural flow?

We also might want to consider ocean temperatures — not to decide whether human beings are responsible for rising temperatures or whether those trends will continue indefinitely, but to help us make smarter decisions.

In Charleston Harbor, The Post and Courier reports, the sea level has risen by 3 inches since Hurricane Hugo in 1989 — and a foot since a metal pipe was sunk into the harbor in 1921 to serve as a tidal gauge. The paper illustrated how that relates to every piece of land that is in or near a flood zone, recounting the story of a meteorologist who studied New York's history of torrential rains and floods and plugged the data into climate models — the ones that predict such things as the 24-inch rainfall on Columbia that no one believed would come. The result was that what had been classified as a “500-year flood” for New York was now predicted to occur every 24 years.

This suggests that some places we have thought of as safe to build in aren't any more — and that we might want to look carefully at our actual experience rather than just at FEMA maps when we decide what can be built where, and what sort of standards we should require.

We can make smart decisions about how to rebuild our community and our state, or we can make knee-jerk political decisions.

The way to make knee-jerk decisions is to remain locked inside our ideological huts, assuming we already know

the answers to all the important questions. The way to make smart decisions is to actually ask the questions that will help us assess cause and effect, and let the answers guide our decisions.

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Take precautions against mosquitoes

[Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 27, 2015

COLUMBIA - In the wake of recent flooding, residents are urged to take steps to reduce breeding grounds for mosquitoes, the Department of Health and Environmental Control advised.

Check your property for any containers that could be holding rain or floodwater. It only takes as few as five days for water in containers as small as a bottle cap to become active breeding sites for mosquitoes.

Empty out any containers that are holding water (such as pool covers, boat covers, tires, pots, pet bowls, toys, etc.) and remove debris from gutters to help discourage a larger mosquito population from developing. Trim back thick shrubbery and overgrown grass on your property.

Remember to protect yourself when outdoors by wearing light-colored, long sleeves and pants. You might also want to wear insect repellent.

For protection while indoors, repair any damaged or broken doors and screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering buildings.

If you notice a significant increase in the mosquito population in your area, please contact your local city or county's mosquito control program. If you live in a municipality that does not have a mosquito control program, you can contact a private operator to help you get control of a major mosquito problem.

Each of us can be proactive in reducing the mosquito population and preventing disease transmission by regularly eliminating breeding areas and standing water on our property.

For more information on mosquitoes and local mosquito control contact information in your area, please visit scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Insects/Mosquitoes/.

Police warn motorists, beachgoers of potentially high tides this week

[WCSC](#), Charleston CBS, Oct 26, 2015

CHARLESTON, SC (AP) - - Charleston police warn motorists to use extra caution Tuesday morning because of another round of astronomical high tides could cause flooding.

More beach erosion and more flooding of low-lying areas along the South Carolina coast is also expected this because of those unusually high tides, which are also known as king tides.

The National Weather Service issued coastal flood advisories for south coast into southeast Georgia on Monday morning warning of street and lowland flooding - the second round of flooding after historic rains earlier this month. More than an inch of rain is forecast in the Charleston area over the next several days.

Local media outlets report more erosion is also expected on oceanfront dunes damaged earlier this month. Higher-than-normal tides are expected to affect the coast through Halloween.

A small craft advisory is in effect off the coast through late Wednesday.

"Motorists should be particularly vigilant for any coastal flooding and exercise extreme caution," Charleston Police spokesman Charles Francis said.

Lowcountry flooding concerns for Tuesday morning

By Matt Alba

[WCBD](#), NBC Mount Pleasant, October 26, 2015

Similar report [WMBF](#) NBC Myrtle Beach-Florence

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SC – The Tuesday morning commute could get hectic for commuters leaving Johns Island.

Officials say a combination of heavy rain and the morning high tide at 8 am, Main Road could be flooded.

Margaret McCall says she's had enough of the flooding on Main Road near Highway 17. "I got a pick-up in Kiawah Island tomorrow. I'm a taxi driver, so I will have to go all the way around to James Island. It's my worst nightmare because I'm a taxi driver."

With scattered showers, a full moon, northeast winds pushing water towards shore, and some sitting water left over from this month's flood; News 2 meteorologists warn our viewers to be alert of changing weather conditions Tuesday morning.

Joseph Hant drives a limousine and says the recent flooding affects his business. "With detours around Main Rd., it makes scheduling pickups more difficult. I don't know how long it's going to take."

With residents still frustrated on Johns Island, the county is working to make improvements.

Sand bags still remain along Main Rd. from the severe historic flooding the Lowcountry experienced earlier this month.

Officials with the South Carolina Department of Transportation told News 2, crews have put in an additional drain line near the railroad tracks off Main Road. They expect this to alleviate some of the major flooding issues on Main Rd. at Highway 17.

"I did travel to that area Sunday afternoon and it is helping to some degree," said motorist Andre Lock.

However, officials say they cannot promise there won't be flooding or closures.

Charleston County is working on a permanent solution to fix the drainage in the area.

Until then, motorists should allot extra time for changing traffic and weather patterns.

Drivers prepare for coastal flooding during Tuesday morning rush

By Hannah Moseley

[WCSC Live 5](#), Charleston CBS, Oct. 26, 2015

CHARLESTON, SC (WCSC) -Coastal areas are expecting extreme flooding Tuesday morning around rush hour.

That means traffic headaches for drivers.

"Not again!" Said OJ Linney. "The traffic is backed up like crazy," said Wardell Moultrie who works off Morrison Drive.

That road often gets flooded. Moultrie knows when the waters rise, plan for detours.

Based on the recent flooding, he has one piece of advice.

"Buy a 4x4," said Moultrie. "That's what I drive, or a pick-up truck, that's what I suggest. If you've got a small car, just don't go through it because it ruins your car."

That message Allyson Arnold knows all too well.

"I was driving downtown and my car got flooded out," said Arnold. It took three people to push it out and it was permanently damaged."

It happened during the flooding two weeks ago. Now, \$2,000 later, with a car that's still not running right, Arnold says when the waters rise, don't risk it.

"I think I'm not going to be driving downtown," said Arnold. "I'm not going to get in my car and go anywhere, actually."

Charleston police too, are sending a message to be careful.

"Police are asking motorists to exercise caution and avoid flooded streets and roads," said spokesman with the Charleston Police Department.

Over on Lockwood Drive, another road that often sees flooding, one driver is ready for this to stop.

"We have to have some type of solution for this, something," said Linney. "Barriers, sandbags, that stuff is just not getting it."

Although frustrated, they know there's no avoiding it.

Soon streets in downtown Charleston will likely be flooded and several roads will be closed.

Now, all they can do is prepare for the waters ahead.

"Get an early start if you have to go down there," said Wardell.

"If you don't think your car can't make it, then don't try it," said Linney.

"It's not going to be fun," said Arnold.

High tides to affect beaches, coastal areas in SC this week

[Associated Press](#), Oct. 26, 2015

CHARLESTON, S.C.-- Just weeks after historic rains drenched the state more beach erosion and more flooding along the South Carolina coast is expected this week with another round of astronomical high tides often called king tides.

The National Weather Service issued coastal flood advisories for south coast into southeast Georgia on Monday morning warning of street and lowland flooding. More than an inch of rain is forecast in the Charleston area over the next several days.

Local media outlets report erosion is expected on oceanfront dunes damaged earlier this month. Higher-than-normal tides are expected through Halloween.

A small craft advisory is also in effect off the coast through late Wednesday. Forecasters warned there could be winds of 38 mph and seas of up to 7 feet. Forecasters also warned of a higher risk of rip currents.

In September there was widespread street flooding in Charleston when king tides combined with rains from the remnants of Tropical Storm Erika.

Pawleys Island Mayor Bill Otis, Jr. tells The Sun News of Myrtle Beach (<http://bit.ly/1k4Jk8H>) that he expects more erosion this week.

"The fear is that this next king tide will add to the damage already done," he said. "It won't be as dramatic like it was during the last king tide, but it's going to hit these dunes."

Otis said this week's tides will probably mean the causeways leading to the island from the mainland will have to be closed for a time.

"We don't want people driving through when they can't see the road, and we've had people drive off the road," Otis said. "If you can't see the white line, it's dangerous."

Some walkways and stairs leading to beaches in Georgetown County are still closed because of recent erosion damage.

This week's high tides are expected to mean some street flooding in Garden City, said Horry County spokeswoman Lisa Bourcier.

She said officials are still calculating the damage done to the county's 14 miles of beaches in recent storms.

This week's high tides could further erode beaches "but it definitely won't be like the storm we had," Bourcier said.

South State begins loan programs for disaster recovery

[Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 27, 2015

COLUMBIA -- In response to the recent flooding in South Carolina, South State Bank has developed disaster-recovery loan programs to provide relief to individuals who live in the communities impacted by the floods.

The programs include a Disaster Renovation Program and a Disaster Relief Loan, and both are designed to help South Carolinians rebuild after the recent floods. The Disaster Renovation Program is a special home loan program to help alleviate the financial burden individuals are facing.

The Disaster Relief Loan is designed with low rates and special terms to help individuals recover more quickly. The programs are available in the counties designated for federal disaster relief.

"Many of our customers, employees, neighbors and friends were affected by this disaster," said John F. Windley, president of South State Bank. "Because the majority of these areas are not in flood zones, many of our customers are now faced with homes that are in some cases a total loss with no insurance. We wanted to do something to help our communities recover."

Under the terms of the program, the Disaster Renovation Program includes a one-year, interest-only renovation period, which can be converted to a 30-year term. The rates and terms will be negotiated with each applicant based on needs and qualifications. Origination fees, commitment fees or construction administrative fees on loans will not be charged through this program.

The Disaster Relief Loan is an unsecured loan with flexible terms, which will allow individuals to borrow up to \$50,000 to help with needs incurred as a result of the recent flood.

"We are committed to enhancing the communities we serve by providing high-quality programs that meet the unique needs of our customers in the affected areas," Windley said. "By providing various levels of assistance to help people through this disaster, our community will be able to heal and move forward stronger and better prepared for the future."

Both the Disaster Renovation Program and the Disaster Relief Loan are available to consumers from through Jan. 31, 2016. For additional information, visit a local South State branch, SouthStateBank.com or contact Customer Care at 1-800-277-2175.

Local technician shows how to avoid buying a flood damaged car

By Alexis Simmons

[WIS TV 10 NBC Columbia](#)

WEST ASHLEY, SC (WCSC) - If you're looking to buy a used car you should beware of flood-damaged vehicles being resold. Authorities say thousands of vehicles may have been damaged, even destroyed, across our state during the severe flooding and storms earlier this month.

There are signs you can look for that will reveal if there was water damage to a used car.

Owner of Richard's Automotive Service in West Ashley, Richard Green says one of the first signs of a flood damaged car is a mildew smell.

"It's very very hard to get out, it would have to be professionally done and even then you would still have that [smell]," says Green.

Green says more clues are under the hood of the car. If there's water damage you might find rust on the nuts and bolts and corrosion too. Out of the 17 flood damaged cars towed in to Richard's automotive, all but one was totaled.

"This is just the mold and mildew that started all over the back of the seat and this you won't get out," says Green as he looks under the seats in a flood damaged car. "This is actually in the seat cushion."

If you're still searching for water damage, another place to look is in the trunk under the spare tire cover.

"A lot of people when they try to get rid of them [cars] they don't try to clean the moisture out," says Green. "You can see the mold that started around the spare tire."

The National Crime Bureau is working to catalog water-damaged vehicles by their VIN, or vehicle identification number, to keep salvaged cars from being resold.

"The only way that car can be purchased is if they send it out of state and yeah if you go out of state there's a chance you could get that," says Green. "The dealers around here, they're not going to do it to you, some of your mom and pops I would be a little leery of because they might have bought them at an auction or sale."

Rusted seat tracks or tailpipes, corroded wire connectors, a film on the seats or console, and powdery residue on certain components under the car are all signs of salt water damage.

If you're unsure about any damage, "Just go to your local mechanic, and just... tell them you're looking at a car," says Green.

Progress made on tiny home for South Carolina flood victims

By Traci Washington

[WTOC](#), CBS Savannah, Ga., Oct. 26, 2015

Also on [WMBF](#), Myrtle Beach-Florence

BLUFFTON, SC (WTOC) - A project to help families who lost their homes during the historic South Carolina flooding is making a lot of progress.

Project leaders from Brighton Builders say volunteers and construction workers have worked just about every day over the past two weeks to get the tiny home finished on time. So far, the tiny home has its frame and electrical wiring.

The town and Brighton Builders say the project is going well so far and they're hoping to have it completed by the third or fourth week of November.

"Everything has gone really well. When you're taking on whole new project like this, there's always going to be some minor challenges but things have been easy enough to fix," said Susan Gunyou, Brighton Builders.

The town is still trying to raise money to start building a second home, if you're interested in donating visit the Bluffton Cares website [here](#).

God's Pit Crew continues to help flood victims

BY DENICE THIBODEAU

[Danville \(Va.\) Register & Bee](#), October 26, 2015 6:50 pm

After sending 16 tractor-trailer loads of water and other supplies to flood-devastated areas in South Carolina this month, God's Pit Crew is returning to help rebuild.

Randy Johnson, founder and director of God's Pit Crew, said he returned to the region with a member of his board of directors last week to survey the damage now that the waters have receded. After talking to community leaders, Johnson's group has decided to send teams to help residents in Johnsonville, South Carolina, recover from the flood.

"It's a small, rural community, one we felt led to help," Johnson said.

Two families who lost everything will get new mobile homes and furnishings, while others — including a church — will have damaged areas of their buildings repaired.

Johnson said the mobile homes have been ordered from a Danville-area mobile home dealer and should be ready in three to four weeks.

A team from God's Pit Crew is planning to take the mobile homes to South Carolina in December, install them, build decks on them and set up furnishings.

The goal, Johnson said, is to have the two families in their new homes for Christmas.

"They're living with relatives and while it's not the best situation, they're making do," Johnson said. "But they are living in very tight quarters ... I know that with God's help we can help them get their lives back on track."

Next week, a team will travel to Johnsonville and help replace flooring and cabinets in at least two homes damaged during the flood and work on rebuilding parts of Unity Freewill Baptist Church, where 3 feet of water flooded the fellowship hall and several inches of water soaked the sanctuary and main building.

If funds allow, God's Pit Crew will do more, Johnson said.

Johnson said they have already raised funds to cover some of the costs of their goal, and while he hesitates to ask for help — "We've pushed so much for people to help already," he said — the group still needs building materials for damaged buildings and furnishings for the two mobile homes.

Compassion and camaraderie: Horry students lend a helping hand to Georgetown County families devastated by flood

By Claire Byun

[Myrtle Beach Sun News/Myrtle Beach Online](#), Oct. 26, 2015

Highlights

St. James High School students, staff donated hundreds of boxes of supplies

Rosemary Middle, Andrews Elementary and Carvers Bay High schools all recipients

St. James students organized collection, delivered donations Monday

Georgetown County — Georgetown County suffered some of the most damage from the recent historic flooding, and students at St. James High School in Murrells Inlet are trying to do what they can to help.

About 30 students and a handful of teachers delivered a U-Haul's worth of bedding, food, toiletries and clothing to Georgetown County families in need Monday. Students dropped off supplies at Carvers Bay High, Rosemary Middle and Andrews Elementary schools for anyone devastated by the flood.

"Everything has a starting point, and maybe if these families don't know where to start we can be their starting point," said St. James senior Destinee Heath.

"Being so close to [Carvers Bay], it could have easily been us in this situation," she added. "If we help them, they'll help us."

St. James faculty wanted to help some of the Murrells Inlet-area teachers affected by the flood, but those teachers wanted to transfer that generosity to families who needed it more, said Beth Cox, event organizer and biology teacher.

"We gave the idea to our kids and they just flew with it," Cox said.

For a week and a half, students collected nonperishable food items, gently used and new clothing, paper products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and other household items to donate, Cox said. Students also collected money to buy supplies not usually donated, such as baby food and sports drinks.

After word got out about donations, other Horry County schools and organizations dropped off supplies or money to the Murrells Inlet school, Cox said. Then, people from all over the nation sent money to St. James High.

"It went from just St. James High to all of Horry County to the rest of the nation," Cox said. "Everyone just wanted to help these three schools and it makes me so happy."

The donations filled up a large U-Haul – donated by a local company – and a school bus. Each school was given about 200 boxes of supplies to hand out to students, teachers and area families affected by the historic flood.

Students piled into a bus and made their way first to Carvers Bay High School, where about 40 students greeted the Sharks. Students formed two lines to efficiently move supplies out of the truck and into the school, where "Bears love Sharks" signs were plastered on the walls.

Richard Neal, principal of Carvers Bay High, said the event just shows how concerned students are for each other, no matter the district or distance.

"When you see this kind of camaraderie and integrity between students, it's overwhelming," Neal said. "It just shows how much of a community we all are."

After a quick group photo with the Carvers Bay group, St. James students hopped back on the bus to deliver goodies to Andrews Elementary School. Andrews was one of the hardest-hit flooded areas in the state, prompting responses from volunteer and government groups all of last week.

Brooke Berry, teacher at Andrews Elementary, knows the devastation first hand. She lives in the area and said Saturday was the first time one of her students returned to his home after the flooding.

"It's surreal," Berry said. "It's stuff that you see on TV but it doesn't happen here."

But it did happen here, and Berry is thankful Horry County students are striving to help as many families as possible.

"Sometimes good things come out of the bad," she said.

The buses eventually made their way to Rosemary Elementary to donate the last of the supplies. Watching students perform acts of kindness – without any prompts or requirements – gives St. James High faculty and staff hope for the future.

"It's promising," said Sarah Crist, English teacher. "It lets us know we're all going to be OK."

Food for a Cause on Oct. 27 a percentage of Stern Center food court sales will benefit the American Red Cross

[CisternYard.com](#) (College of Charleston), Oct. 26, 2015

It has been 3 weeks since Hurricane Joaquin hit our coastline. Historic levels of flooding devastated both Charleston and Columbia. While downtown is back on its feet, many of our neighbors are still in need. You all want to help, but as students with busy schedules, it can be difficult to do that. This Tuesday, there is an opportunity to lend a hand by doing what you like to do the most, eating. This Tuesday 10 percent of all sales from the Stern Center food court will go to the American Red Cross, which will in turn feed back into our community.

Food For a Cause, this Tuesday in the Stern Center Food Court. (Photo courtesy of College of Charleston)

The food court is located on George St. and will be open from 10:30 a.m -9 p.m. If you are unable to make it, there are item donation bins set up in Liberty Fresh Food Company.

Bring your friends, roommates, study group and close acquaintances to this event, because this is not one to miss.

Emergency crews practice disaster scenario

By Allie Spillyards

WIS TV 10 NBC Columbia, Oct 26, 2015 6:59 PM EDT

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - Imagine a 110 car train derailling in the middle of downtown Columbia, leaking poisonous gas and setting fire.

Crews from the Columbia fire department, several local law enforcement agencies and the city spent a full day out of the field to work through this hypothetical situation, figuring out the best way to get true disaster under control.

"Having exercises like this allows us to figure out what those problems are and how to fix those whether it's just the communication knowing who one another is or the physical limitations of actually being able to contact that person," said Columbia Fire's Chief of Special Operations Jason Krusen.

Responders from Columbia Fire, Columbia Police, the Richland County Sheriff's Department and other local agencies divided into 4 sections groups: command, operations, logistics and planning.

As the situation worsened, responders talked through the proper response and prioritized what was most important. Procedures to enact evacuations, stop a gas leak from a derailed car and fight fire were all taken into action.

The scenario gave an opportunity for crews to address "communication" one of the biggest downfalls for emergency response crews.

"Anytime that we can have a controlled disaster or incident and be able to work through it and see what problems could be presented, it helps us should a real disaster ever present itself," said Chief Krusen.

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FEMA on WTAT-CHS (FOX) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 07:35:35

Morning News at 7 (News)

... the number is - 855-go-sc-dot. two new fema disaster recovery centers are now open in berkeley county. ...



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FEMA on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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Fox Morning News (News)

... hugo's costliest disaster streak. haley talked about how fema the state are planning to deal with the damage assessments. haley said quote "we're going to ...



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FEMA. on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 07:49:14

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... the deadly flooding that south carolina received. we talked to fema, sba, and now we'll speak with jay from the red cross. thank you very much for being here. ...



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FEMA. on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 07:51:15

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... people one on one. we encourage people to make sure you start with fema as well. we work closely together but they're separate things, so make sure you do that as well. ...



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FEMA on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 07:56:11

Good Morning America (News)

... good morning, i'm tessa spencer adams with your news update. tessa today fema will open a mobile disaster recovery center in berkeley county. you can register and submit paperwork for disaster ...



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FEMA. on WAGT (NBC) - Augusta, GA

10/26/2015 08:27:15

Today (News)

... stemming from the heavy flooding earlier this month. the county met fema requirements with 568-thousand dollars in assessed damages. that does not include another 500-thousand with the south ...



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FEMA. on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 08:28:43

Today (News)

... school from five p-m until seven. representatives from fema, the questions and help residents figure out what kind of assistance they need and how to get it. ...



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Fox Morning News (News)

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FEMA. on WHNS (FOX) - Greenville, SC

10/26/2015 08:50:06

Morning News @ 8 (News)

... and i'm cody alcorn.first at four cleaning up in greenwood. we go door to door with fema as they spread the word about disaster relief from the historic flooding.and fox carolina investigates a new ...



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FEMA. on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 09:04:13

News 13 NOW (News)

... businesses impacted by the floods. that includes fema and disaster loan applications. unemployment and food stamp assistance. and "well water" test kits. ...



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FEMA on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 10:38:37

Lowcountry Live (Other)

... insurance policy. a lot people in our area are having to rely on fema because rising water flooding is not covered. >> erin: i can't imagine how many you have seen after the ...



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FEMA on WCBD-CHS (NBC) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 11:05:00

News 2 Midday (News)

... the state from the historic flooding earlier this month. fema opened two recovery disaster areas in burkeley county. >> reporter: fema has opened this disaster recovery center ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 12:03:08

News 19 @ Noon (News)

... families and businesses. there will be help and disaster assistance from fema for newberry residents today and tomorrow. they will meet at the newberry county sheriff's office until ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 12:05:08

WIS News 10 Midday (News)

... school from five p-m until seven. representatives from fema, the small business administration, county government and the red cross will be there to answer ...



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FEMA on WOLO- COL (ABC) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 12:34:45

ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... focused on rebuilding efforts. that includes encouraging more people to take advantage of fema assistance. >>> eric: fema is helping those still in need of assistance in newberry today. ...



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FEMA on WMBF (NBC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 16:02:26

WMBF News at 4 (News)

... recreation complex. organizations like the american red cross and fema spoke to people face-to-face so that they can get signed up to see if they are available for assistance. ...



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FEMA on WCSC-CHS (CBS) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 16:04:19

Live 5 News First at 4 (News)

... right about it, listen to that gut two new fema disaster recovery centers are open this afternoon for those who need ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 16:04:54

WIS News 10 at 4PM (News)

... school from five p-m until seven. representatives from fema, the small business administration, county government and the red cross will be there to answer ...



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FEMA on WHNS (FOX) - Greenville, SC

10/26/2015 16:11:52

FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... greenwood county...after the historic floods!our ride- along...as fema assesses the damage!and bacon-lovers beware! the world health organization says the breakfast food...along with other ...



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[FEMA. on WHNS \(FOX\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/26/2015 16:26:47

FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... know...before your next meal! meal!plus...we're going door to door with fema in greenwood county... weeks after devastating flash flooding! coming up... a first-hand look at the damage left behind! ...



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[FEMA. on WHNS \(FOX\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/26/2015 16:34:37

FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... disaster for south carolina since hurricane hugo in 19-89. fema... the federal emergency management agency... will foot some of the bill...and we went along with them... as they talked to those trying to ...



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[FEMA. on WHNS \(FOX\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/26/2015 16:36:11

FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... counties that got a disaster declaration...meaning people there are eligible for fema assistance.and that could include everything from temporary help with rent... to home repairs... to low cost ...



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[FEMA. on WCBD-CHS \(NBC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 17:01:18

News 2 at 5PM (News)

... county with more on who can get help. >> reporter: fema has opened this disaster recovery center here on highway 52 in goose creek and ...



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[FEMA. on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 17:01:23

Live 5 News at 5 (News)

... for financial assistance from fema... apply for disaster loans from the u.s. small business administration...ap ...



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[FEMA. on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/26/2015 17:04:06

ABC15 News at 5PM (News)

... some of the counties include marion, dobkin, georgetown and oregon -- oregon -- one 861 fema -- one 800-61-fema. >>> george bailey tells us when we can expect it. >>> we saw a lot of cloud cover ...



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[FEMA. on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 17:04:42

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... answers. several agencies such as small association, fema, dhac, and dss provided information on the services they offer and how they can help flood victims ...



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[FEMA. on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 17:04:52

News 19 Friends @ 5 (News)

... >> and you can call the after hours number. >>> representatives from fema were there today. helping those affected by flooding. folks applied with structure. ...



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FEMA. on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 17:05:44

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... shortly after that interview with madeline, a fema representative came over and spoke one on one with her about how fema can help. that is why today's event was so ...



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FEMA. on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 17:33:39

News 19 Friends @ 5 (News)

... coroner's office. >> more than 3,000 household has signed up for fema assistance. >> for those who haven't received much help. >> we were interest close ...



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FEMA. on WMBF (NBC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 17:34:49

WMBF News at 5:30 (News)

... counties. organizations like the american red cross and fema spoke to people face-to-face so that they can get signed up to see if they are available for assistance. ...



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FEMA. on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/26/2015 17:36:35

ABC News 4 @ 5 (News)

... stuck his tongue in her mouth and that's when she hit it off. >> fema over to our disaster recovery centers in south carolina both locations of berkeley county. federal officials said they ...



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FEMA. on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 18:00:37

News 13 at 6 (News)

... everyone who's been affected by the flood should register with fema. meanwhile... horry county emergency management will hold a press conference tomorrow morning to ...



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FEMA. on WMBF (NBC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 18:00:40

WMBF News at 6 (News)

... says it did just that. ""are y'all fema? are y'all feam? well let me shake your hand thanks you so much from williamsburg county." cassandra fluitt. there with the ...



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FEMA. on WMBF (NBC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/26/2015 18:02:13

WMBF News at 6 (News)

... damage from flooding follow the process and sign up with fema and seek out assistance from non-profits. julie anyone who would like to get involved is encouraged to ...



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FEMA. on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/26/2015 18:02:17

News 19 @ 6 (News)

... forecast coming up. >> more than 3,000 households have signed up for fema assistance. and some are still pretty confused about what kind of help is available. ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:04:16

ABC News 4 @ 6 (News)

... haley will be in goose creek -- for a relief event there. two fema disaster recovery centers have opened in berkeley county. both locations will provide services for individuals and ...



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[FEMA. on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:05:02

WIS News 10 at 6:00 (News)

... residents place tarps on their homes. and lastly, the fema process. today, i had several people who tell me that they were frustrated at the process and how they ...



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[FEMA. on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:05:19

ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

... cooked free meals for today's event. you can apply for fema assistance. some of the eligible counties -- to apply for help visit disaster assistance give or ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:05:28

ABC News 4 @ 6 (News)

... janie stabler/flood victim "i did get a little bit of help from fema. i did. i had house insurance. but you know just regular house insurance it don't pay anything if you don't have flood ...



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[FEMA. on WCBD-CHS \(NBC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:08:14

News 2 at 6PM (News)

... the state from the historic flooding earlier this month. now fema open to disaster a recovery centers in berkeley county. one on highway 52 in goose creek ...



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[FEMA. on WSPA \(CBS\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/26/2015 18:09:29

7 On Your Side at 6pm (News)

... >> be a huge mistake, not to apply for the assistance, available through fema, because a lot of people here in south carolina are proud people. this is not a handout, this is a hand up. ...



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[FEMA. on WTLH \(FOX\) - Tallahassee, FL](#)

10/26/2015 18:23:54

... - oh, great, you said "flooding." what's next, "fema?" "superdome?" - this is a disaster. - we are the worst team ever. ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 19:02:59

ABC News 4 @ 7 (News)

... 1501 rex road next to the ems station. fema officials tell me they have only had a handful of visitors because not many people know it's available. the waiting room is empty, but ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 19:04:13

ABC News 4 @ 7 (News)

... a.m. until 2:00 p.m. people will be able to register for assistance from fema, apply for insurance claims, and get food and other services. >>> happening right now, firefighters on the scene of a ...



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[FEMA. on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 19:07:10

News 19 @ 7 (News)

... team south carolina project. people lined up by the hundreds waiting to sign-up with fema or get a tetanus shot or receive free care packages. the governor said the biggest challenges are houses, roads, ...



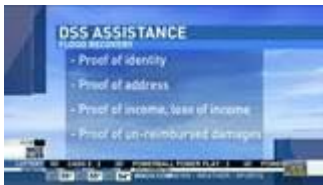
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[FEMA. on WFXB \(FOX\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/26/2015 22:02:32

FOX News at Ten (News)

... everyone who's been affected by the flood should register with fema tomorrow horry county emergency management will update us .. on the ongoing recovery efforts. ...



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[FEMA. on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 22:08:45

WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... information on applying for the assistance. and you can apply for fema relief at the hot line on your screen. you can also apply at disasterassistance.gov. . ..



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[FEMA. on WFXB \(FOX\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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FOX News at Ten (News)

... it out. privately-owned dams generally aren't eligible for fema assistance... and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance. in national headlines. ...three ...



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[FEMA. on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... happens. >> absolutely. >>> well, fema in south carolina offering help to flood victims throughout the state today. >> yes. ...



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[FEMA. on WTAT-CHS \(FOX\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 22:36:34

News at 10 (News)

... for financial assistance from fema... apply for disaster loans from the u.s. small business administration...ap ...



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[FEMA. on WTAT-CHS \(FOX\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 22:39:13

News at 10 (News)

... right about it, listen to that gut two new fema - disaster - recovery- centers are open for those who need ...



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[FEMA. on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/26/2015 23:04:43

WMBF News at 11 (News)

... department is also expected to discuss fema eligibility status for public assistance. the meeting is happening at 10 a-m tomorrow.. ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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News 13 at 11 (News)

... it out. privately-owned dams generally aren't eligible for fema assistance... and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance. there's no doubt williamsburg ...



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[FEMA. on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 23:07:33

Live 5 News at 11 (News)

... there will be representatives from fema, the small business administration and other assistance programs. ...



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[FEMA. on WCIV-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/26/2015 23:07:43

ABC News 4 @ 11 (News)

... homes were damaged have more access to federal help. two fema disaster recovery centers open. one on north goose creek boulevard and this one is on wreck road. ...



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[FEMA. on WSPA \(CBS\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/26/2015 23:09:21

7 On Your Side at 11pm (News)

... drs genoaml help from the emergency agency. i'm ati met with a fema representativewhites wert rt anoromreirras there's a lot of money still on the table. ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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News 13 at 11 (News)

... conference to discuss ongoing recorvery efforts... as well as fema eligibility status for public assistance. the briefing starts at 10 tomorrow morning... at the m.l. ...



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[FEMA. on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/26/2015 23:17:35

WIS News 10 Nightcast (News)

... many--navigating the application process through fema to get federal assistance. "if you go through the proper r=steps, that's the only way we can help you. . ..



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[FEMA. on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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News 19 @ 11 (News)

... those projects. privately owned dams aren't able to get help from fee fema. >>> fema representatives were on hand at the newberry sheriff department to help those effected by the flood. ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

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News 19 @ 11 (News)

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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

... manning high school from five p-m until seven. representatives from fema, the small business administration, county government and the red cross will be there to answer ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 04:40:39

News 19 @ 4:30am (News)

... forecast... plus...resources for recovery..we've got detials on today's fema events to help flood there will be help and disaster assistance from fema for newberry county residents ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

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News 19 @ 4:30am (News)

... to help flood there will be help and disaster assistance from fema for newberry county residents again today.fema representative s will meet ctimwis th flo ...



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FEMA. on WBTV-CLT (CBS) - Charlotte, NC

10/27/2015 04:48:47

WBTV News 3 at 4:30AM (News)

... privately owned dams are not typically eligible for help from fema. >>> taking a live look to the scott clark nissan honda hd tower cam, can't really get a great sense of how wet ...



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FEMA. on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/27/2015 05:01:35

News 13 First Morning (News)

... it out. privately-owned dams generally aren't eligible for fema assistance... and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance. williamsburg county was one thareas most impacted from ...



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F-E-M-A on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/27/2015 05:07:35

Good Morning Charleston (News)

... more access to federal help. two f-e-m-a disaster recovery centers are now open --- one at 303 north goose creek boulevard... and this one at 1501 rec road in huger. ...



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FEMA. on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 05:08:40

News 19 @ 5am (News)

... website...wltx.com there will be help and disaster assistance from fema for newberry county residents again today.fema representative s will meet with flood victims at the newberry county ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 05:10:10

News 19 @ 5am (News)

... privately owned dams generally aren't eligible for help from fema and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance.the state's environmental agency has set a deadline for friday for the ...



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FEMA on WOLO- COL (ABC) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 05:20:43

Good Morning Columbia (Other)

... gervais. help for flood and water damages. fema damage survivor assistance will be available at the sheriff's office... that's just off wilson road... from ten in the ...



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FEMA on WCSC-CHS (CBS) - Charleston, SC

10/27/2015 05:34:53

Live 5 News at 5:30a (News)

... victims. representatives from fema, the small business administration and other assistance programs will be ...



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FEMA on WCNC-CLT (NBC) - Charlotte, NC

10/27/2015 05:36:47

NBC Charlotte @ 5:00 (News)

... and higher. the privately owned dams are not eligible for help from fema and they're unlikely to be covered by private insurance and dam owners face a friday deadline from the environmental ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 05:37:14

WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

... one of the challenges for many people is working through the fema application process to get federal assistance. "if you go through the proper steps, that's the ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/27/2015 05:56:03

News 13 Early Morning (News)

... conference to discuss ongoing recovery efforts... allwe as fema eligibility status for public assistance. the briefing starts at 10 this morning... at the m.l. brown ...



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FEMA. on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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News 13 This Morning (News)

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FEMA. on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/27/2015 06:03:39

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... we have a lot more information on wach.com. inch on how to apply for fema relief. the heat line is on your screen -- the hotline is on your screen. ...



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[FEMA on WCIV-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:07:51

Good Morning Charleston (News)

... people will be able to register for financial assistance from fema and help with insurance claims and apply for disaster loans and flood and financial assistance along with many other services. ...



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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:08:10

WMBF News Today at 6 AM (News)

... for many--navigating the application process through fema to get federal assistance "if you go through the proper steps, that's the only way we can help you. ...



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[FEMA on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:09:36

News 19 @ 6am (News)

... recovery effort and there is more help and disaster assistance available from fema for newberry county residents today. the representatives will be meeting the flood victims at ...



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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:20:36

Good Morning Columbia (Other)

... the road to recovery continues after the historic flooding. fema will be helping those still in need of assistance out in newberry today. fema officials are asking you come out if you have not applied ...



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[FEMA on WSB-AM \(Radio\) - Atlanta, GA](#)

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... Police say interested Well what's McConnell wild Chase to avoid paying winner while of added FEMA of the woman accused of driving for Currin who crowded the Obamas the homecoming parades as they are still so they are struggling to help only a very ...



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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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Live 5 News at 6a (News)

... victims. representatives from fema, the small business administration and other assistance programs will be ...



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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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[FEMA on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:49:33

News 19 @ 6am (News)

... halloween and head to walmart. and see what you could save. disaster assistance from fema for newberry county >>> a reminder for folks in newberry county, there is help disaster assistance from fema ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/27/2015 06:55:32

Good Morning Charleston (News)

... it takes place at the state house at 2:00 p.m. >>
jon: fema opened 2 more disaster recovery centers.
they are open 7 days a week from 8 in the morning
until 7 at night until fudger noticed. ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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News 13 This Morning (News)

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brown public safety ...



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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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[FEMA on WFXB \(FOX\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/27/2015 07:05:14

Fox Morning News (News)

... everyone who's been affected by the flood should
register with fema people who live around dozens of
lakes in south carolina are under emergency orders to
repair or replace dams that ruptured... ...



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[FEMA. on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 07:08:25

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... screen. >>> here's a reminder on how to apply for
fema relief. the hotline: you can apply at
disasterassistance.gov. if you got a letter denying it, it
could be an issue as like a ...



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[FEMA on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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CBS This Morning (News)

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