

Concept of Operations

If a Tropical storm or Hurricane threatens Fripp Island, the Beaufort County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will notify Fripp Island Fire Department. This notification will come by way of County computer system and facsimile. The EOC will, if time permits, give emergency agencies at least 48-hour notice. The National Weather Service (NWS) would place any threaten area under a Tropical Storm or Hurricane WATCH, which means Tropical Storm or Hurricane conditions could pose a possible threat to the area. When the path of the storm appears headed for our operational area the NWS would issue a Tropical Storm or Hurricane WARNING which means that a Tropical Storm or Hurricane conditions are expected in our area within 24 hours.

When Fripp Island is under a WATCH or WARNING, a command post will be established at the Fripp Island Fire Station and, depending on the severity, could be manned 24-hours a day. Computers, facsimile and radios will link this command post with the EOC. When the storm direction is clearly defined and the potential for landfall is predicted for the operational area of Beaufort County (Fripp Island), the Governor will be advised by Emergency Preparedness Personnel. It is the responsibility of the Governor to call for a voluntary relocation or a mandatory evacuation. Once the Governor makes the decision, the EOC will notify Fripp Island Fire Department as to the proper notification procedures. Notification will initially come by way of radio and/or television. Fire personnel will be asked to assess the evacuation process. If there becomes a need to send fire personnel out in the streets with fire apparatus using PA systems or door-to-door for notification this will be an order issued by the EOC.

Re-entry

The Governor with consultation with Beaufort County Emergency Preparedness Personnel will decide when re-entry is appropriate.

Emergency Service Personnel will first assess the damage and make appropriate preparations for providing emergency services. Water, Sewer and Electric Companies will make their areas safe and will attempt to provide limited services before the general public is allowed to re-enter. Information as to time of re-entry may be obtained by calling the EOC in Beaufort County at (1-800-238-2021). Fripp Island property owners may check the FIPOA website for more information at www.fipoa.org.

Residents should be prepared for a minimum of forty-eight hours after evacuation before re-entry will be allowed. Depending on the severity of the storm and damage incurred it may be several days before its safe to return.

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Fripp Island, SC 29920
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Fripp Island Fire Department

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
Hurricane season runs from
June 1st to
Novembers 30th
Be prepared!



***First Class Service Through
Commitment***

Hurricane Preparedness

- Make plans NOW! Gather and store all valuable paperwork such as mortgage notes, insurance papers, deeds, ect. You must be able to show proof of ownership in order to claim the loss through insurance or FEMA.
- Itemize furnishings, clothing, valuable, ect. take photos or videos of your home and belongings. This will help adjusters to settle claims. They can also prove uninsured losses which are tax deductible.
- Gather non-perishable food, drinking water, candles, matches, first aid kits, radio with batteries, flashlights, ect. Have these ready at all times.
- Plan and drive your evacuation routes. Know ahead of time where you need to go.
- Plan now to protect your windows with boards or shutters pre-cut and store them.

When A Watch Is Issued

A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to your area.

- Make sure the car has gasoline.
- Review evacuation routes.
- Listen for weather information.
- Make sure medical prescriptions are filled and medicines are packed to go.
- Gather up important papers, including identification.

When A Warning Is Issued

A hurricane warning means hurricane conditions are expected in your area within 24 hours.

- Move garbage cans, awnings, and all large outdoor objects into your house or garage, or anchor them securely.
- Place protective coverings over your windows and garage doors.
- Garage or store your vehicles left behind.
- Moor boats securely or place inside a building.
- If you have a pool, cover the pump filter.
- Lock doors and windows before you leave.

Evacuation Route

The northern Beaufort County area will evacuate exclusively along US 21 to US 17. Approaching the US 17 intersection at Gardens Corner, both lanes of US 21 will have access to US 17 south to I-95. The left lane will follow its normal path to US 17. The right lane will be routed to the right and then will be allowed to make a left turn onto US 17. Both lanes of US 17 will be directed to use the right lane to access I-95 north and the left lane to access I-95 south. Motorist wishing to travel towards Hampton or Augusta area may turn right off US 17 at Pocatigo onto US 21 north to Yemassee and SC 68 west.

EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNS WILL BE PLACED AT EVERY POINT ON THE ROUTE WHERE MOTORIST MUST MAKE A DECISION.

The State of South Carolina's toll-free **PUBLIC INFORMATION PHONE SYSTEM (PIPS) (1-866-246-0133)** is provided to disseminate accurate evacuation and shelter information during a hurricane evacuation to visitors and citizens of SC.

Insurance Coverage

- Homeowner's insurance typically covers damage from wind, hail, and lightning but not flooding. A separate flood policy can be acquired from your insurance agent.
- Homeowner's coverage normally includes the house itself plus contents and extra living expenses made necessary by being forced out of your home. If you're a renter, you may purchase contents and living expense coverage.

Saffir/Simpson Scale

Category	Winds (mph)	Storm Surge (ft)
1	74-95	4-5
2	96-110	6-8
3	111-130	9-12
4	131-155	13-18
5	Greater than 155	Greater than 18

After A Storm

- If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave.
- Recorded messages will advise of road conditions, damage estimates, utility restoration timelines, curfews, shelter information, times the county expects to allow reentry, etc.
- Updated disaster recovery and reentry information will be posted on the Counties web site at: <http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/>.
- Driving may be especially hazardous due to debris on streets, possible flooding, emergency vehicles in operation, traffic signals and streetlights possibly out of service. Stay away from rivers or streams or other places where flooding is likely.
- Downed or dangling power lines pose a lethal threat.
- Make emergency repairs to your home to prevent further damage.
- Check to see refrigerated food hasn't spoiled if there has been a power outage.
- Use emergency water rations until you've been notified that the water supply is safe.
- Report damage to your insurance agent.
- If hurricane damage occurs, there could be a possible delay in allowing residents to return to the county. Emergency workers must return to the county to restore utilities, remove debris from the main roadways, and to carry out search and rescue efforts. **PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Re-entry informational telephone numbers

Beaufort County	1-877-238-2021
Beaufort County web site at	www.co.beaufort.sc.us
Fripp Island POA	1-843-838-4155
Fripp Island POA web site at	www.fipoa.org
Fripp Island PSD	1-843-838-2400
Fripp Island Resort	1-800-845-4100
SC State Public Information	1-866-246-0133
Hampton County	1-803-943-7589
Allendale County	1-803-584-4081
Jasper County	1-843-726-7607