South Carolina Hurricane Helene
September 26, 2024

Office of the Governor

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Press Release on 9/25/24:

“Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2024-24, declaring a State of Emergency in preparation for the potential effects of Hurricane Helene, and asks South Carolinians to monitor local forecasts and begin taking proper precautions. The governor's order activates the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan and directs the South Carolina Emergency Management Division to coordinate with all relevant state agencies in preparation for potential requests for state assistance from local officials and county emergency management leaders.

"Although South Carolina will likely avoid the brunt of Hurricane Helene's impacts, the storm is still expected to bring dangerous flooding, high winds, and isolated tornadoes to many parts of the state," said Governor Henry McMaster. "This State of Emergency ensures that Team South Carolina has the necessary resources in place to respond to these potential impacts. South Carolinians in potentially affected areas should start to take precautions now and monitor local weather forecasts over the next several days."

According to forecasters with the National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Helene is currently situated in the Gulf of Mexico and is anticipated to intensify before making landfall along the coast of Florida as a hurricane on September 26, 2024. The storm is then expected to impact South Carolina and other southeastern states with strong winds, significant rainfall, flash flooding, and an enhanced risk of isolated tornadoes.

SCEMD has several resources available for people to prepare for hurricanes, including hurricane.sc. This site is an interactive tool for anyone needing a quick reference on hurricane preparedness.

Additionally, the SC Emergency Manager is available in the App Store and on Google Play: http://onelink.to/dn92rx.

The official 2024 S.C. Hurricane Guide is available in English or Spanish at scemd.org.”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

South Carolina Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
West Columbia, SC 29172
(803) 737-8500
South Carolina Emergency Management Division (scemd.org)
South Carolina Emergency Management Department
SCEmergency - YouTube

To view County Emergency Management Agencies, visit County Emergency Managers - South Carolina Emergency Management Division (scemd.org)

American Red Cross

Central SC Headquarters
2751 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 540-1200
Central SC | South Carolina Region | American Red Cross
American Red Cross South Carolina | Facebook

To view a list of open shelters, visit Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross

Department of Transportation

South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park St.
Columbia, SC 29201-3959
(855) 467-2368
South Carolina Department of Transportation (scdot.org)
SCDOT Connector Videos - YouTube
https://South Carolina Department of Transportation | Facebook

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211.

SC 2-1-1
Call 2-1-1 or (866) 892-9211
SC211

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362
FEMA.gov
Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

Home | disasterassistance.gov
Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.
To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.
To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: Search Your Location | FEMA.gov

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767
American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: Active Alerts (weather.gov).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.
National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.

Safe Travel USA

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National Traffic And Road Closure Information

National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)