



Prepare for Hurricane Season

Governor Henry McMaster declared May Hurricane Preparedness Month in South Carolina. Informed by new data and enhanced ways to measure storm surge risk, the state created new hurricane evacuation zones which take effect this month. Although the risk of experiencing storm surge is lower for residents who are not included in a hurricane evacuation zone, these areas may still experience high winds, tornadoes, heavy rainfall, flash flooding and power outages. Find information about the updated zones and other hurricane preparation tips in the [2024 South Carolina Hurricane Guide](#), or use the zone finder tool in the SC Emergency Manager mobile app.

Review these tips from the [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#) (SCEMD).

- **Stay Informed:** Get weather updates and alerts from local authorities. Sign up for [CodeRED Alerts](#) to receive public safety information about non-life-threatening local incidents from SCEMD and local emergency managers.
- **Prepare Home and Business:** Secure loose outdoor items, trim trees and bushes, and reinforce windows and doors.
- **Stock Up on Supplies:** Stock an emergency supply kit with essential items such as non-perishable food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries and first aid supplies.

Stay Informed

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division's new [GIS Hub](#) offers zone details, earthquake activity, local emergency management



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information, story maps from previous disasters and daily situation reports. The hub includes the [S.C. Emergency Business Resources dashboard](#), a one-stop-shop for updated information during disasters including power outages, road and bridge closures, shelter locations and executive orders.

Building Resilient
Small Businesses
During Extreme
Climate Events

Security and
Resilience Seminar
Series

Disaster
Preparedness

On June 11, the second session of the [2024 Disaster Preparedness Series](#) will focus on how small businesses can effectively prepare for and respond to extreme weather events.

Discover best practices and valuable preparedness resources and tools to mitigate risk and enhance resilience. The [three-part series](#) begins on June 13 with a business safety webinar.

Learn disaster preparedness strategies for any emergency. From training employees and communicating with customers, to recovery and resources, [this session](#) on May 28 offers proactive precautions.



Federal Security Resources

The Department of Homeland Security's [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#) supports making South Carolina's critical infrastructure partners stronger and more resilient. Protective Security Advisors [Keith Jones](#) and [Amanda Knight](#) are available to assist with physical security assessments, exercise development and facilitation, and training and speaking engagements on topics including active shooter, situational awareness and supply chain resilience. For help preventing cyber threats and implementing cybersecurity best practices and risk mitigation strategies, contact Cybersecurity Advisors [Anthony E. Carbone](#) and [CL Clay](#).

Livestock Safety

Last month, the United States Department of Agriculture issued a [federal order](#) to protect U.S. livestock from the threat of the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza. To limit the spread of this disease, dairy cattle must test negative before interstate movement. Laboratories and state veterinarians are required to report positive results. While cases among humans in direct contact with infected animals are possible, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises the current risk to the public is low. To learn about the federal order and compliance, visit the USDA's [HPAI website](#) and Clemson University's [guide on livestock poultry health](#).

Partner Spotlight



[The South Carolina Department of Insurance](#) enforces the state's insurance laws and regulates the industry to promote an efficient, fair, responsive and equitable marketplace. Through the [SC Safe Home](#) mitigation grant program and the [Office of Consumer Services](#), the agency advises South Carolinians about coverage options while promoting ways to save money and protect property from natural disasters.



Open Disaster Declarations

#20004 – Drought - Nov. 2, 2023

Counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Greenville, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, York

Deadline: Nov. 25, 2024

[Apply here.](#)

#20003 – Tornado - Jan. 9, 2024

Counties: Bamberg

Deadlines: Physical Damage - May 21, 2024; Economic Injury - Dec. 23, 2024

[Apply here.](#)



Business Continuity — Quarterly Tip

Keep an Updated Plan

It is important for a business' disaster management team to review and update the continuity/disaster plan at least once per year. Management should approve and share changes with employees, explaining any revisions that may affect them and include the plan with onboarding documents provided to new hires.

Resources

[SC Business Reentry Program](#)

[SC Earthquake Guide](#)

[511 SC — Road and Bridge Status](#)

[Small Business Administration](#)

[SC Emergency Management Division](#)

[SC Hurricane Guide](#)

[S.C. Commerce Emergency Preparedness](#)

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