



# TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

## Hurricane Irma Important Facts



**9/10/2017 11:00 a.m.**

- At this time a mandatory evacuation has been ordered. Unsafe weather conditions may limit public safety official's ability to respond to emergency calls in mandatory evacuation areas during the storm.
- Windmill Harbour and Jenkins Island are included in the evacuation of the Island.
- Once you have evacuated Hilton Head Island you will not be allowed to return until the evacuation order has been lifted.
  - An order from the Mayor's office for re-entry onto the Island will not occur until the Governor has first lifted the mandatory evacuation order for the Beaufort County barrier islands AND the Emergency Room at the Hilton Head Hospital is open and operational. There are also other critical deciding factors to include: inspection of the bridges and the causeway by the SCDOT, adequate provision of power, water and sewer utilities as determined by the Emergency Operations Center Team in coordination with the PSD's, advance teams' inspections of critical infrastructure facilities, including the Hilton Head Hospital, seven Fire Stations, critical storm water facilities including pump stations and major arterials. This comprehensive process is outlined in our Disaster Recovery Plan.
  - Re-entry is a prescribed process. There are defined groups and priorities, each color-
    1. Orange - Security Personnel
    2. Green - Personnel providing life support services to first responders
    3. Brown - Support staff for Orange and Green
  - Please note, there is no specific category for business owners and operators. Some business owners are in possession of a certain determination about re-entry privileges from the Secretary of State of South Carolina. This will not allow re-entry onto the barrier island of Hilton Head until such time as announced by the Mayor. Re-entry decisions for these individuals and the general public will be determined real-time based upon conditions.
- Beaufort County Sheriff's Office has ordered a curfew from 7 pm – 7 am.

- Tolls for the Cross Island are open and the toll fees have been lifted during the evacuation.
- Red Cross opened a shelter in Jasper County on September 9<sup>th</sup> for all evacuating citizens. The shelter is located at Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School 250 Jaguar Trail, Ridgeland SC 29936.
- Red Cross opened two additional shelters today Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, they are located at Bluffton High School, 12 H.E. McCrackan Dr. in Bluffton and Battery Creek High School, 1 Blue Dolphin Dr. Burton SC.
- The Palmetto Breeze evacuation pick up points will be operational today, as long as weather permits:
  - 151 Gumtree Rd. (in front of the Boys and Girls Club)
  - 173 Marshland Rd. (in front of the Sea Island Chapel)
  - 450 Spanish Wells Rd. (in front of Grace Community Church)
  - 430 William Hilton Parkway (in front of Pineland Station)
  - 24 Pope Ave. (in front of Holy Family Catholic Church)
  - 663 William Hilton Parkway (in front of Hilton Head Resort)
  - 95 Mathews Drive (Bi-Lo Grocery in Port Royal Plaza)
- Hilton Head Hospital has closed and will reopen when the conditions of the weather will allow.
- These watches and warnings are in effect for Beaufort County:
  - Tropical Storm Warning
  - Hurricane Watch
  - Flash Flood Watch
- The three Public Service Districts (water) on Hilton Head Island and Palmetto Electric Co-op, will not be turning off the utilities prior to the storm.
- The Town of Hilton Head Island offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- #IrmaHHI is the hashtag the Town of Hilton Head is using when posting to Social Media websites.

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