

Hurricane Matthew Preparations

October 11, 2016 Update (10 a.m.):

As part of our ongoing response and recovery efforts, DHEC has taken the following actions (updated at 10 a.m. on 10/11/2016):

Boil Water Advisories:

As of 11 a.m. on Oct. 11, 2016, **24 [boil water advisories](#)** or notices have been reported to DHEC.

[Click here](#) for a list of the latest boil water notices and advisories. *(Please contact your local service provider for more information.)*

Private Wells:

The S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control is **waiving bacteriological testing fees** for private wells impacted by the flood. Residents with questions about private wells should call **(803) 898-4312**.

If you have a private well that was flooded (water entered the well from the surface of the ground) during the flooding and rain from Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina, your well water could be contaminated. To ensure your private well water is safe to drink, you can have it tested for coliform bacteria. You must **disinfect before you collect** a sample. Disinfect your well and wait 7-10 days before you collect a sample. Disinfection instructions can be found on our website at [Emergency Well Disinfection](#). Sampling kits for private wells can be obtained from over 60 DHEC locations across the state and local Health Departments. Visit [DHEC Locations](#) to find contact information.

Special Medical Needs Shelters:

DHEC is operating [Special Medical Needs Shelters](#) to provide shelter for people whose medical conditions exceed the capabilities of the Red Cross shelters, but are not severe enough to require a hospital stay. We do not provide health care services in these shelters. *(Note: If you think you may need this type of shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-868-0404.)*

The following shelters are currently open:

- Colleton Medical Center - Colleton (501 Robertson Blvd, Walterboro)
- Carolinas Hospital System - Marion (2829 US Hwy 76, Mullins)
- Palmetto Health Tuomey (129 North Washington St., Sumter)
- Carolinas Hospital System - Florence (805 Pamplico Hwy, Florence)
- Lake City Community Hospital (258 N Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City)

Dams:

If you have a concern about a dam that may have been impacted by the storm, please call DHEC at **803-898-4312**.

As of 5 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2016, **DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers had evaluated 228 dams** in areas impacted by the storm.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 11 at noon, there were **13 confirmed breached dams** (9 regulated, 4 unregulated). They include:

- A low-hazard dam in Dillon County, **Little Pee Dee State Park Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Dillon County, **Flowers Pond Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Clarendon County, **Lakewood Pond Dam**. (This dam was previously under an [emergency order](#) as a result of the October 2015 floods.)
- A significant-hazard dam in Horry County, **Graham Mill Pond Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Florence County, **Pepsi Cola Lake Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Dillon County, **Gaddy's Millpond Dam**.
- A low-hazard dam in Florence County, **Country Club of South Carolina Dam**.
- A low-hazard dam in Darlington County, **Bethea Baptist Pond**.
- A low-hazard dam in Dillon County, **Hamer Pond Dam**.
- An unregulated dam on Baywater Drive in Lexington County.
- An unregulated dam, Hardy Lake Dam, in Dillon County.
- An unregulated dam near Andrews Mill Road in Darlington County.
- An unregulated dam in Chesterfield County, Meadow Street near Cheraw

Additionally, DHEC is monitoring **two at-risk dams**:

- A significant-hazard dam in Marion County, **Baxley 501 Pond Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Florence County, **Oakdale Dam**.

What the regulated dam classifications mean:

- *High-hazard (C-1) – Failure may cause loss of life or serious damage to infrastructure.*
- *Significant-hazard (C-2) – Failure will not likely cause loss of life but may damage infrastructure.*
- *Low-hazard (C-3) – Failure may cause limited property damage.*

Coastal Resources:

Prior to the storm, DHEC issued blanket emergency orders to local governments to allow property owners along the immediate beachfront to conduct sand scraping or install sandbags to provide temporary protection from anticipated wave uprush from the storm. **More information, as well as copies of the orders can be found [here](#).**

DHEC has asked local governments along the coast to provide updates on beachfront erosion and damage through our [MYCoast application](#).