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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Orangeburg, SC

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Hurricane Matthew is a very dangerous storm! The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for Orangeburg County and this is based on the current forecast of Hurricane Matthew and the potential for the storm to track closer to Orangeburg County. People who are in at-risk housing in Orangeburg County are asked to move into an established shelter, which are open throughout the County. We are expecting 30-35 mph sustained winds with gusts up to 45 mph lasting for approximately 18 hours. Weather conditions will worsen drastically during the night on Friday. This leads to the potential for sporadic power outages and downed trees. Please remember to always stay away from downed power lines and call the Emergency Operations Center to report this @ (803)533-6265. **Persons should complete all preparations for the storm before noon on Friday and are encouraged be in the shelters prior to nightfall on Friday.**

The shelters that are open in Orangeburg County are as follows:

Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School at 601 Bruin Parkway, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Hunter-Kinard Tyler High School at 7066 Norway Road, Neeses, SC 29113

Elloree Elementary School at 200 Warrior Drive, Elloree, SC 29047

Bowman Bethune High School at 4857 Charleston Highway, Rowesville, SC 29133

All citizens need to have their emergency plans in place by noon on Friday. If you need transportation to a shelter, or special medical needs assistance, please call the Emergency Operations Center @ (803)533-6265.

These shelters are currently open and will remain open throughout the duration of the storm. Please bring your own pillows, blankets, specialty food items, medicines, and baby formula. The shelters are only stocked with basic supplies. Persons seeking shelter should do this prior to the onset of the storm conditions. Please tune into local media for the latest weather forecast.

If you do have property damage, please report damage to our local website www.orangeburgcounty.org under the button report property damage.

