

# Bluffton PD at your Fingertips

RESIDENTS CAN NOW BE IN TOUCH WITH THE BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH OUR CELL PHONE APP. IT'S CALLED MYPD AND IS FREE FOR ALL IPHONE AND ANDROID USERS. LOOK FOR THE BELOW ICON IN YOUR PHONE'S APP STORE.

THE APP ALLOWS YOU TO RECEIVE VARIOUS EMERGENCY ALERTS. IT ALSO CONNECTS YOU WITH A LIST OF RESOURCES.



OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA SITES YOU CAN CONNECT WITH BLUFFTON PD



# Important Phone Numbers

## Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch	843-524-2777
Bluffton Police Department	843-706-4550
Bluffton Town Hall	843-706-4500
Bluffton Municipal Court	843-706-4530
Bluffton Business License	843-706-4501
Beaufort Co. Sheriff's Office	843-255-3200
Beaufort Co. Court	843-255-5057
14th Circuit Solicitor's Office	843-255-5880
Child/Adult Protective Serv.	843-525-7861
Child Abuse Prevention	843-524-4350
Social Services	843-470-4600
Bluffton Self Help	843-757-8000
United Way of the LC	843-982-3040
Deep Well Project	843-785-2849

*Bluffton Police Department*

*101 Progressive Street*

*Bluffton, SC 29910*

*843-706-4550*

*[www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/police-department/home](http://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/police-department/home)*



# Hurricane Information for Residents



THE BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CREATED THIS BROCHURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE PREPARATIONS IF A STORM THREATENS OR STRIKES BLUFFTON.

# Terms to Know

## HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

## HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

## TROPICAL STORM WATCH/WARNING

Take these alerts seriously. Although Tropical Storms have lower wind speeds than hurricanes, they often bring life-threatening flooding and dangerous winds. Take precautions!

# Before Hurricane Season

- Develop a hurricane plan and ensure your household knows the plan.
- Know your evacuation route.
- Create an emergency kit to include: three days drinking water, non-perishable food, flashlight and extra batteries, first-aid kit, medicines, and cash.
- Make emergency plans for pets.
- Trim trees and shrubbery around home.
- Review your insurance policy. Video record your home belongings for insurance purposes.
- If you have a boat, decide where to move it.
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home.
- Fuel up and service family vehicles.

# Before & During the Storm

- Listen to the radio or watch TV for information.
- Listen to what your local Emergency Management Department is advising.
- Secure your home, close storm shutters, and secure outdoor objects or bring indoors.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep the door closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Avoid using your cell phone to conserve battery.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Stay indoors during a storm.
- Close all interior doors.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed.
- Take refuge in a small room, closet, or hallway.
- Be ALERT. Tornadoes are frequently spawned during hurricanes.

# After the Storm

- If you evacuated your home, wait until your local Emergency Management Department says it is safe to return.
- Do not drive in flooded areas.
- Avoid using candles or other open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect damage.
- Check gas, water, electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Avoid any loose or down power lines and report them to your power company.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until local officials have declared it safe to drink.

## Helpful Websites

**SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**WWW.SCEMD.ORG**

**NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER**  
**WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV**

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**  
**WWW.WEATHER.GOV**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**(SHELTER INFORMATION)**  
**WWW.REDCROSS.ORG**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY**  
**MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
**WWW.FEMA.GOV**