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**October 3 Hurricane Ian Recovery Briefing  
City of Charleston Continues Recovery Efforts**

**LATEST UPDATES**

**Damage reports:** As of 3 p.m., 336 rapid neighborhood-level assessments and 100 FEMA preliminary damage assessments had been completed. In addition, 256 damage reports had been submitted through the city's damage reporting link. To report damage, go to <https://gis.charleston-sc.gov/report-damage/>

**Traffic signals:** Traffic and Transportation crews have restored all 97 inoperative traffic signals.

**Road closures:** Charleston Police have reopened all 66 closed roads related to Hurricane Ian.

**Trees:** As of 12 p.m., 67% of downed trees reported to the city had been cleared (41 of 71). The Urban Forestry and Public Service Departments will continue clearing public spaces, including roads, parks and playgrounds, throughout the recovery period.

**Street sweeping:** Crews are continuing to work on a seven-day schedule until street sweeping is complete. Today, crews are working in West Ashley and on the peninsula.

**Livability:** Livability officers have cleaned up roughly 40 overturned garbage cans since the storm in the central business district and neighborhoods.

**Drainage:** Stormwater Department employees continue working through known flooding areas, cleaning drains and unclogging drains where necessary.

**RECOVERY RESOURCES AND INFORMATION**

**Repair permits:** Citizens are reminded that nearly all storm damage-related repairs require building permits, which also protect property owners by ensuring that work performed is up to code. For additional information on building permit guidelines and requirements, please visit: <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/856/Permit-Center>

**Business resources:** Resources, including a checklist for disaster recovery developed by SCORE of Houston, is available here: <https://charleston-sc.gov/2309/Disaster-Preparedness-for-Businesses>

**Garbage and trash:** Residential garbage pickup resumed today, and will follow a normal schedule through the end of the week. Bulk trash pickup, meaning large items such as washing machines and construction debris, remains suspended until October 14 as crews focus on debris pickup. Commercial garbage collection resumed Saturday.

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