City of Charleston Hurricane Matthew Recovery Update

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Charleston, S.C.—The City of Charleston’s recovery efforts from Hurricane Matthew continue, however, most of the issues related to public spaces, buildings and infrastructure have been addressed.

The Municipal Emergency Operations Center closed Thursday afternoon. Citizens can still call the City’s Citizen Information Line (843-973-7219) for answers to storm recovery questions.

Damage assessment teams continue to evaluate areas with reports of damage.

During and immediately following the storm, there were about 250 roads closed due to flooding or debris blocking the road. At this time, there are no road closures related to the storm.

Also, after the storm, there were 104 traffic signals out of service. As of this morning, all traffic signals are back in operation.

The City of Charleston recorded nearly 200 tree issues on public property and right-of-ways. As of today, 153 have been addressed. Crews will work over the weekend to continue to address tree issues.

Storm debris removal began Wednesday evening and will continue next week. Residents should check the Charleston County website www.charlestoncounty.org and click on the Hurricane Matthew banner for the latest information and schedule.

Citizens throughout the City should begin putting debris out to the curb as soon as they are able.

Please remember, when placing debris at the curb, not to C.H.E.A.T. the system, and sort in the following categories for collection:

C – Construction debris (building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, etc.)
H – Hazardous waste (oils, batteries, pesticides, paints, cleaning supplies, etc.)
E – Electronics (televisions, computers, radios, stereos, DVD players/VCRs, etc.)
A – Appliances (Refrigerators, washers/dryers, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, etc.)
T – Trees and vegetation (tree branches, leaves and logs)
If residents are placing items at the curb that need to be assessed by an insurance adjuster prior to being picked up, please clearly mark on the items that they are not to be picked up yet.

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