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City of Charleston Hurricane Dorian Recovery Efforts September 7 Morning Update

Charleston, S.C.—Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts continue as crews work to clear debris, remove fallen trees from the public right of way, and restore traffic signals citywide.

At this time, only 8 intersections are without power and are ready to be reset as soon as power is restored.

Commercial garbage collection resumed this morning in the central business district. City trash crews are out today collecting storm debris on the peninsula, West Ashley and James Island. City contractors are collecting storm debris on Daniel Island and outer West Ashley.

City street sweepers are out sweeping streets on the peninsula, James Island and West Ashley.

With city crews currently focused on storm recovery, residential garbage and trash collection will resume on Monday.

Citizens should sort debris based on the following (C.H.E.A.T.) categories:
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)

*As a reminder, city of Charleston crews cannot collect electronic waste. Charleston County residents can drop off e-waste at a Charleston County Convenience Center. Information about which Charleston County convenience centers accept e-waste, hours and directions can be found here: https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/environmental-management/recycle-locations.php.
In order to allow crews to effectively clear streets of debris, city parking garages that were opened for the storm will remain open and free to residents until 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 8.

The Stormwater Department continues their formal damage assessment process today and will continue working to identify storm-related damage in the coming weeks.

To help with the city’s assessments, residents are asked to continue to report damage, including the location of the damage, online at www.charleston-sc.gov/report-damage or by calling the city’s Citizen Services Desk at 843-724-7311.

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

For additional information, the Citizen Services Desk at 843-724-7311 will be manned until 5 p.m. today, and will resume normal hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) on Monday, September 9, 2019. New GIS mapping tools allowing citizens to track hurricane-related information in real-time are also available on the city website: https://gis.charleston-sc.gov/hurricane-maps-tools.

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