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City Crews Respond to Overnight Flooding

Charleston, S.C.—Following last night's storms that dumped several inches of rain across Charleston, city crews are responding and report the following:

Environmental Services Division: Street sweeping and grounds custodian teams are working to clean up the waste and debris that accumulated on the streets and sidewalks.

Commercial garbage collection was briefly suspended this morning due to heavy rain, but crews have resumed collection and are now working to complete their routes. Citizens are asked to secure their garbage cans due to the ongoing rain.

Stormwater Department: Crews are out clearing debris from storm drains and will work tomorrow to identify and clear any remaining blockages in the drainage system.

Floodplain Management Division: Officials are out today conducting windshield damage assessments in hard hit areas. Citizens who experienced damage due to water intrusion are asked to report it to the city's Citizen Services Desk by visiting <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/1884/Citizen-Services-Desk> any time, or by calling 843-724-7311 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. today or during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Emergency Management Division: The Public Safety Operations Center was open last night to manage the city's response throughout the storm, and Emergency Management will remain on a 24-hour footing until storms clear the area in order to protect the life and safety of all citizens and visitors.

Charleston Fire Department: Fire Department personnel deployed a high water vehicle during the storm to complete water rescues and will continue to make it available until remaining storms have cleared the area.

Last night, roughly 28 calls for assistance were received related to the storm.

Charleston Police Department: CPD will continue to monitor the safety of our roadways and barricade flooded streets, as necessary. At this time, 17 roads are closed due to flooding throughout the city.

Please follow @CharlestonPD on Twitter or check <https://gis.charleston-sc.gov/road-closures> for the latest updates on road closures.

City of Charleston Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff said, “City officials and crews continue to use every resource at their disposal to protect the life and safety of those in Charleston. During these types of events, with high levels of rain and flash flooding, it’s critical that our citizens and visitors avoid all unnecessary travel and never drive through flooded roadways. As we always advise during these events, “Turn around. Don’t drown.”

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