

## Education is the Key

This informational brochure is provided by the Daufuskie Island Fire Department for your education, safety and wellbeing during this hurricane season. It is important that the residents and visitors of Daufuskie Island understand the island's Hurricane Evacuation guide and safety tips contained in this brochure.

## Flooding and high winds are likely

Daufuskie Island has the potential for significant flooding and high winds.



Below is the Saffir/Simpson Scale which indicates the category of hurricane based upon sustained wind speed.

## SAFFIR / SIMPSON SCALE

CAT	WINDS (MPH)	EXAMPLES
1	74-95	David/SC
2	96-110	Matthew/SC
3	111-129	Floyd/SC
4	130-156	Hugo/SC
5	Greater than 157	Camille/MS

## Evacuation Operations

There will be **ONE** evacuation order issued for Daufuskie Island by the Governor's Office in Columbia, SC. The evacuation order will be a mandatory evacuation. There will be no voluntary evacuation order.

Daufuskie Island residents and guests may use the Beaufort County-provided boat for evacuation. The county-provided boat will pick up all passengers at the Melrose Dock and take them to Pickney Island in Bluffton. The county may provide a bus at the Pickney Island to carry residents and guests to the nearest Red Cross shelter if desired.

Residents riding a private ferry system should check with their General Manager for guidelines relative to their community.

During the mandatory evacuation, you may take aboard any item within reason provided it does not threaten the security of the boat passengers or conflict with the boat captain's ability to safely transport the passengers.

**If there is a mandatory evacuation issued for Daufuskie Island, for the safety of yourself and the emergency response personnel, please evacuate.**

## Pets

The Beaufort County Animal Shelter and Control does not board pets during a hurricane evacuation. They suggest the following for pet owners:

Have a safe place to take your pets.

Before you evacuate, check for hotels/motels that accept pets. Find friends/relatives outside the affected area that can shelter your pets.

Assemble a portable pet disaster supply kit. Include medications, medical records, leashes, carriers, food, water, can opener, beds, toys, litter boxes, etc.

Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters, with the exception of guide or service animals. Ask Red Cross about their animal shelter options.

Make sure that your pet is properly identified with an ID tag or a microchip.

If you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in them being injured, lost, or worse.

For more pet information, contact the Beaufort County Animal Shelter at: (843) 255 – 5010

## After the Storm

If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave.

Updated disaster recovery and re-entry information will be posted on the county's web site at: [www.BCSO.net/storm-center/](http://www.BCSO.net/storm-center/)

Re-entry information will also be recorded on the Beaufort County's public telephone number: 1-800-963-5023

Recorded messages may advise of road conditions, curfews, utility restoration, time lines, damage assessments, shelter information, times the County expects to allow re-entry, etc.

WJWJ 89.9 FM-Hilton Head is a participant in the emergency alert system and will broadcast information relative to evacuation and recovery efforts.

You may also call your property owner's association or visit its web-site.

After a hurricane, utilities such as water, sewer and electricity may not be restored as soon as you return to Daufuskie Island.

## Recovery

All roads on Daufuskie Island may be cleared by the county on a case-by-case basis. FEMA will evaluate requests made from the County for reimbursement but only after certain

conditions are met. The County will remove debris from private roads and gated communities if FEMA has given the approval to do so.

## Important Information

**Medications:** Make a complete list of all medications you take and the name of your doctor prescribing them. Make sure that you have sufficient medications for at least 5 days. Take these items with you when you evacuate.

**Citizens with Special Needs:** If you or your neighbor has a disability or special need, contact the Daufuskie Island Fire Department prior to an evacuation for assistance at 843-785-8358.

**Plan Ahead:** Make your plans early. Do not wait until the last minute. Review the evacuation routes for Hilton Head, Bluffton, and Jasper County. Gather flashlights, batteries, matches, first aid kits, candles, drinking water, food, phone chargers, cash, personal hygiene items, and clothing. Make sure your vehicles are full of fuel.

Remember that you must be able to show proof of ownership for your home or vehicle in order to claim a loss through insurance or FEMA. Take photos or a video of your home and belongings. Also create and take with you an itemized list of furnishings. This will help adjusters settle a claim.

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# Hurricane Preparedness Brochure

## *Daufuskie Island South Carolina*



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