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## **City of Charleston Hurricane Dorian September 7 Recovery Efforts PM 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.

As of late today, over 100 truckloads of debris had been removed from neighborhoods across the city and unloaded at a temporary staging area in West Ashley.

Today, Parks department crews cleared all reported trees out of roadways in West Ashley. To date, 138 downed trees have been cleared citywide.

Garbage collection will return to its normal schedule on Monday. Due to the amount of storm debris, city trash crews will continue on an emergency debris-only trash schedule through at least the middle of the week. Normal trash collection will resume thereafter.

At this time, only 4 traffic lights are without power and are ready to be reset as soon as power is restored.

The Stormwater Department continues their formal damage assessment process today and will continue working to identify storm-related damage in the coming weeks. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has agreed to send additional crews to assist in the damage assessment efforts.

City offices and Municipal Courts will resume normal operations on Monday, September 9, as will recreation facilities. However, some city departments remain actively involved in recovery efforts and several city processes, including building inspections, will experience delays through the recovery period. Citizens are thanked in advance for their patience during this time.

While the Angel Oak tree has weathered another storm unscathed, Angel Oak Park will be closed Monday due to debris blocking the access road.

Due to downed trees and debris, the Charleston Municipal Golf Course and Johns Island Park will remain closed until further notice.

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](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/report-damage) until 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 9. After that time, reports can be submitted through 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>

The Citizen Services Desk at 843-724-7311 will resume normal hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) on Monday. 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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