1. Individuals and families are encouraged to make an emergency plan.


3. Your plan should include a place to stay outside of the evacuation area with friends, family, or in a hotel.

4. Remember to plan for any special needs of family members.

5. South Carolina storm information will be available at www.SCEMD.org.

6. Monitor local media during an evacuation; pay attention to emergency alerts via radio and road signs for information about the nearest open shelter in case you need it.

7. Emergency shelters may be opened if a hurricane approaches South Carolina; these shelters are meant to be a place of last resort.

8. Always take your pets with you.

9. When you return home, follow the basic food safety tip: When in doubt, throw it out!

10. Remember, never use gas grills or camp stoves in the house.