

Latest Updates

Below is an update on DHEC's ongoing response and recovery efforts (as of 2 p.m. on 10/16/2016):

Boil Water Advisories:

As of 1 p.m. Sunday, 12 [boil water advisories](#) or notices had been reported to DHEC.

[Click here](#) for a list of the latest boil water notices and advisories. *(Please contact your local service provider for more information.)*

Private Wells:

DHEC is **waiving bacteriological testing fees** for private wells impacted by the flood. Residents with questions about private wells should call **(803) 898-4312**.

If you have a private well that was flooded (water entered the well from the surface of the ground) during the flooding and rain from Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina, your well water could be contaminated. To ensure your private well water is safe to drink, you can have it tested for coliform bacteria. You must **disinfect before you collect** a sample. Disinfect your well and wait 7-10 days before you collect a sample. Disinfection instructions can be found on our website at [Emergency Well Disinfection](#). Sampling kits for private wells can be obtained from over 60 DHEC locations across the state and local Health Departments. Visit [DHEC Locations](#) to find contact information.

Special Medical Needs Shelters:

DHEC is operating [Special Medical Needs Shelters](#) to provide shelter for people whose medical conditions exceed the capabilities of the Red Cross shelters, but are not severe enough to require a hospital stay. We do not provide health care services in these shelters. *(Note: If you think you may need this type of shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-868-0404.)*

The following shelters are currently open:

- **Carolinas Hospital System - Marion** (2829 US Hwy 76, Mullins)
- **Lake City Community Hospital** (258 N Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City)

Dams:

If you have a concern about a dam that may have been impacted by the storm, please call DHEC at **(803) 898-4312**.

DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers had evaluated 467 dams in areas impacted by the storm. There are [25 confirmed breached dams](#) (20 regulated, 5 unregulated).

Additionally, DHEC has issued emergency orders for [11 dams that were severely damaged by the storm](#) but have not breached.

Coastal Resources:

DHEC has deployed staff to conduct initial damage assessments, which will focus on habitable structures, pools and erosion control structures along beachfronts.

[Click here](#) for information on our coastal assessment and recovery efforts, including information on emergency orders and general permits.