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Hurricane Matthew

The City of Isle of Palms is now in Operating Condition 2, which means that the City is in full alert and an emergency is imminent.

“We encourage citizens to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of their family and to follow the evacuation order in effect today at 3:00 p.m.,” said Mayor Cronin.

“We have observed that some residents have waited until today to begin pruning trees in order to protect their homes from fallen trees. Unfortunately, it is too late for the City’s Public Works Department to pick up this debris and take it off the island. Residents who are cutting tree limbs must make arrangements to take that debris off the island,” stated the Mayor. “Do not put debris on the right-of-way; piling debris on the right-of-way will become a public safety hazard before and during the storm.”

Hurricane Re-Entry Stickers are available at the Public Safety Building located at 30 J.C. Long Boulevard. Residents must have the vehicle registration and proof of residency. Residents will need this sticker to be able to return to the island after the evacuation order has been lifted and the storm has passed. “This system was put in place after Hurricane Hugo to protect our resident’s homes from looting,” said the Mayor.

Sandbag supplies are available at the Municipal Parking Lots located on Pavilion Drive.

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