



Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
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**News Release  
For Immediate Release**

## **RED CROSS OPENS SHELTER IN SAVANNAH**

Savannah, GA – (October 8, 2016 at 10 pm)

If you are at your home in Chatham County, stay put. Please remember that there is a county-wide dusk to dawn curfew in place. Residents should not be out on the street after dark.

If you have evacuated, please be aware that re-entry has not yet begun for residents. For information about returning to the county, please call 912-644-8811.

Currently, entry is only being allowed for initial responders working to make the area safe for follow-on crews conducting life safety operations.

County residents should be aware that if they leave their homes for any reason and pass a police checkpoint, they will not be allowed to return to their residence.

The American Red Cross has opened a shelter at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island for those who are blocked from returning to their homes, or residents who return later to find their homes uninhabitable.

Information on Red Cross shelter locations is available at 912-651-5300, on Facebook and Twitter @RedCross, and online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

Red Cross shelters within the region include:

- Southeastern Technical College  
251 S. Richardson Street  
MOUNT VERNON, GA 30445
- Good Samaritan  
407 Farm Street  
WADLEY, GA 30477
- East Laurens High School  
920 Hwy 80 E  
EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027

- Dublin High School  
1127 Hillcrest Parkway  
DUBLIN, GA 31021
- Macon City Auditorium  
415 FIRST ST  
MACON, GA 31201

Depending on your homeowner's insurance policy, it may be possible to recoup the cost of frozen or refrigerated food destroyed by a power outage. Residents should record the items and estimated value, then communicate with their home insurance agent to determine coverage and file a claim.

Residents should be aware that county and municipal storm recovery crews will be focused on clearing trees that have fallen within a roadway. If a tree has fallen on your home, the county will not remove it. Contact your home insurance provider to get a repair estimate and book a contractor.

Residents can assess the roads closed in the community by visiting the Chatham County Government Website at [www.chathamcounty.org/road-closures](http://www.chathamcounty.org/road-closures).

Residents who evacuated will be notified on how to return when conditions are safe. For information on returning to Chatham County, go to <http://www.chathamemergency.org/evacuation-information/cema-establishes-evacuation-re.php>

If you believe a relative might have evacuated, check <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief/contact-and-locate-loved-ones>

As always, for the most up-to-date information, check [www.chathamemergency.org](http://www.chathamemergency.org), [www.chathamcounty.org](http://www.chathamcounty.org), [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov)

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