



Greetings from Charleston!

Thank you for your interest in Charleston, South Carolina! We hope you are finding the basic information about relocating to Charleston at Move2Charleston.com. If you are thinking about moving to Charleston, we only have one question? What are you waiting for!!! Yes, we understand you may have minor details to contend with, like finding a job, or kids finishing up school...but if you want a better life, Charleston is the place! When people contact us about the possibility of moving here, and want help making a decision, it's really very difficult to know where to start. There are so many great things to see and do here...and how do you communicate attitude over the phone or in writing? There is a different "feel" here than can not be found anywhere in the world. I guess when you have as much **sunshine** as we do, **it's a lot easier to be friendly.**

After your visit to "The Holy City" to find out just how fabulous Charleston really is, your next step is to visit the area communities and narrow down your favorite areas and while you are doing that, it would be a good idea to select a professional team who knows the Charleston Metro area and its housing market that can help you make wise decisions. Whether you are moving across town or from out of state, our team of real estate professionals are ready to assist you however we can to make your move hassle free. It is our desire to provide you with top notch service every step of the way.

As a military and corporate wife myself, transferring to new cities was always a major undertaking. It was difficult to find just the right person who understood our needs. From our experience in relocating from California, Hawaii, Alaska, Florida, North Carolina and Georgia, we decided to put together a team of professionals who could meet the needs of people like yourself in Charleston. We want to help you get a good foundation of facts about Charleston in this relocation information guide. We are here to answer any questions you may have about the area and the housing market. **When you are ready, just give us a call at 800.252.7958.** *We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Cara Adams*

Where is the best place to search for homes on the market in Charleston?

There are a couple of websites that can provide just about everything you need when it comes to finding real estate homes for sale MLS information: Move2Charleston.com and our city guide and trip builder at Charleston's Finest City Guide. Move2Charleston.com offers a basic search free, easy and fast with no registration and has an advanced search with a property scout to narrow your search. Both searches offer residential, and land, by the various neighborhoods in Charleston.

If you haven't been to Charleston's Finest City Guide yet, you'll need to stop by there to find everything from booking a hotel, attractions, recreation, business, employment, real estate, wedding and more relocation. It is full of information about Charleston and the surrounding areas. Visit <http://charlestonsfinest.com>

Need to rent first before you buy in Charleston? For complete information about apartments and townhouses in Charleston and the surrounding areas, visit <http://www.charlestonsfinest.com/lists/apartm.htm>

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Things to do before you move!

Confirm hotel and travel arrangements in advance.
Check interstate regulations concerning transportation of pets and plants.
Send out change of address notices to the post office, credit card companies, banks, charge accounts, the State Department of Motor Vehicles, insurance companies and magazines.
Arrange to have all utilities disconnected. Obtain any deposits and letters of credit from the power and phone companies. Close or transfer personal checking and savings accounts.
Purchase travelers checks. Empty safety deposit boxes.

Things to think about like expenses and taxes

Review IRS procedures for claiming tax deductions for your moving expenses. The provisions of Schedule A - Itemized Deductions, Form 1040, allow employees and self-employed persons to deduct certain moving expenses, if the move is in connection with your job or workplace. Filing for these deductions also requires that your new workplace be at least 35 miles further from your old home than your old home was from your former workplace. If you meet any IRS deduction requirements, call the local IRS office and request Publication 521, Moving Expenses. If you qualify, you should be able to deduct some of the following expenses: Meal, travel, and lodging expenses incurred during the move to a new home. Selling your old home and purchasing a new one. House-hunting trips before you move. Moving household items and personal effects, including certain storage expenses. Living temporarily at a new location.

Tips for Packing

Mark all items that will not be shipped by the moving company, in order to prevent any mix-ups.
Organize and label all boxes for contents, designating where they should be left in the new home.
Empty gas out of any power tools, such as a lawn mower, and dispose of all volatile and corrosive chemicals.
Clean and defrost the refrigerator and freezer and place several pieces of charcoal in the freezer to prevent mold and mildew.
Pack all essential items-house keys, medical and dental records, school transcripts, insurance policies, credit cards, bills and tax records-in a safe and easily accessible location.
Moving company fees are based on shipment weight, so dispose of anything you no longer need.
Tools and personal items-aspirin, can openers, hammer, silverware, paper plates, screwdriver, flashlight and batteries, soap, toilet paper and scissors-can be lifesavers in a new home.

Choosing a Moving Company

Compare the cost and convenience of moving yourself to hiring a moving company. Most transport companies will give you a free estimate of their services based on the distance of the move and the amount of cargo hauled. Generally, the actual cost of your move will be calculated on the weight of your shipment.

The Inventory

Not all moving companies take an inventory of the shipment, so it's advisable that you do this for yourself. If the moving company damages any of your belongings, you will need a record in order to file a claim. Ask the moving company to determine if a partial load will create any problems. Remember, if your furniture and other belongings fill up one half of a truck, the moving line may complete the shipment by supplementing it with the belongs of another family moving to the same area. This can delay the departure of your goods or even delay their arrival if the moving truck has to travel to another home before it reaches your house.

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Confirming Pickup and Arrival Dates

Find a mover that will guarantee pickup and delivery dates.
This should be a part of the contract signed with the mover.

Liability Insurance

Make sure liability insurance coverage is included on your moving contract. Most companies will insure your shipment for a specified limit. The Interstate Commerce Commission, a federal regulatory agency for interstate moves, will send you a free pamphlet.

Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move.

Send for a copy at ICC OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND CONSUMER ASSISTANCE Washington, DC 20423

Temporary Accommodations

Newcomers are captivated by the quality of the Charleston Metro area's hotels , inns and bed and breakfasts, which range from the Historic District's quaint bb's, inns to economy extended stay motels to opulent beachfront resorts. Even with some 11,000 hotel/motel and inn rooms in the area, it is advisable to make advance reservations. For a complete directory of area accommodations visit Charleston's Finest at <http://charlestonsfinest.com>

Charleston Tri-County Area Chamber of Commerce

Berkeley County Chamber (843) 577-9549 or (800) 882-0337
Charleston Metro Chamber (843) 577-2510
Greater Summerville Dorchester County Chamber (843) 873-2931

Utility Services

Both private companies and governmental agencies provide utility services to the Metro area. Services can be subscribed to by phone or in person.

Telephone

BellSouth provides telephone service to customers in most of Charleston and Dorchester counties, in addition to rural areas located in Berkeley County. Deposits for home telephone service begin at \$90, but the amount can vary depending on your individual credit rating and type of services ordered. Often deposits are waived in light of an excellent payment record with a previous phone carrier. To place an order for residential service with BELLSOUTH CONTACT: (843) 780-2355 Several regional carriers provide telephone service to outlying areas: HOME TELECOM (843) 277 -7307

Garbage Removal

Municipalities provide garbage disposal to homes in the Metro region. The cost of disposal is levied in your taxes or simply included in water and sewer service fees. Several isolated rural areas depend on private garbage collection services. Information on garbage collection service is available from the following city and town departments: City of Charleston Public Service Dept (843) 724-7364 – Goose Creek Streets & Sanitation Dept. (843) 824-2200 Hanahan Public Works Public Works & Sanitation Dept (843) 529-3413 - Isle of Palms Office of Public Work (843) 886-8956 - James Island Public Service Dept (843) 795-9060 - Mt. Pleasant Public Service Dept (843) 849-2022— City of North Charleston Public Works & Sanitation (843) -1026—Sullivan's Island (843) 883-3198—Summerville (843) 871-6000

Water

Berkeley County Water & Sanitation Authority 843.572.4400
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK 843.797.6220
CHARLESTON COUNTY Charleston Commissioners of Public Works 843.202.7600

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Water Continued

FOLLY BEACH WATER DEPT 843.588.2447
ISLE OF PALMS WATER COMPANY 843.886.6148
MT. PLEASANT WATERWORKS & SEWER COMMISSION 843.849.2022
SULLIVAN'S ISLAND WATER DEPT. TOWN HALL 843.883.3198
DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 843.832.0070
DORCHESTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER 843.767,2474
SUMMERVILLE WATER DEPT 843.871.0810

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

Berkeley Electric Cooperative 843.572.5454
Edisto Electric Cooperative 843.563.3292
Santee Cooper 843.761.4060
South Carolina Electric & Gas 843.554.7234

RECYCLING

Glass, aluminum, plastic containers and newspaper can be recycled in the area's curbside program.

There are different drop-off sites for large and unusual recyclable items such as vehicle batteries, corrugated cardboard, large appliances, used motor oil and scrap metal.

There are several private recycling businesses in Berkeley and Charleston County and one public landfill off Highway 52 on road F850, which accepts corrugated cardboard, vehicle batteries, used motor oil, large appliances and scrap metal.

Charleston County's recycling program includes drop-site collection at nearby 48 sites around the area, urban curbside collection and the operation of an 80-ton-per-day recycling center. Charleston County residents are provided 18-gallon bins in which to place recyclables if they are involved in the curbside program.

Charleston County has placed 15-cubic-yard containers in convenient locations along major thoroughfares, in shopping centers and at fire stations .

In Charleston County a curbside truck collects the recyclables bi-monthly.

Dorchester County operates four drop-off sites for recyclable material. Newspapers, plastic bottles, used oil, large appliances, aluminum cans and glass bottles are the only materials that can be left at the sites. These sites are open Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the summer months and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the winter months.

Dorchester County also has urban curbside collection in certain neighborhoods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RECYCLING, CALL:

BERKELEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE 843.572.4400
CHARLESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING 843.720.7111
DORCHESTER COUNTY RECYCLING 843.832.0070

EMERGENCY RELATED PHONE NUMBERS

Protection is provided by a complex network of cities, towns, counties and public service districts. To assure immediate response to an emergency in Berkeley County, Charleston County, Goose Creek, or Summerville, dial the 911 emergency service number. The 911 service number gives callers access to fire, res-cue and emergency medical services, as well as police, sheriff and South Carolina State Highway Patrol. Residents of Dorchester county should keep a list of local emergency telephone numbers near the telephone. A critical point-homes located on the outskirts of municipalities in the Metro area generally require service contracts with local fire departments for protection. Call the local fire departments for more information or ask your real estate agent about the police and fire protection in your neighborhood.

TDD FOR THE DEAF-POLICE EMERGENCY

Charleston County 843.723.3200 Berkeley County 843.723.3800

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DIAL 911 FOR ALL FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCIES. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Berkeley County 843.723.3800 Charleston County 843.745.4000 Dorchester County 843.832.0025
Goose Creek 843.572.4300 Hanahan 843.744.4073

OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Crime Stoppers of the Lowcountry 843.554.1111
Drug Abuse Hotline - 24 hr (800) 662.4357
U.S. Secret Service 843.747.7242
National Hopeline Network 1-800-SIJICIDE
Poison Control Center - 24 hr (800) 922-1117

South Carolina Highway Patrol 953-6010

This is not an all-inclusive list of phone numbers and organizations. Businesses and phone numbers are subject to change.

Community Area Information

Chambers of Commerce. Visitor Services and Economic Developments

Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce 843.577.9549 or 800-882-0337
Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau 843.853.8000 or 800.868.8118
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce 843.577.2510
Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce 843.873.2931
Charleston Regional Develop Alliance 843.767.9300

Community Organizations

Charitable Society of Charleston 843.727.0624
Charleston County Medical Society/Medical Society Auxiliary 843.577.3613
Coastal Police Chaplaincy 843.724.1212
Knights of Columbus 843.723.9934
Elks Lodge 843. 556.0048
Exchange Club of Charleston 843.572.3161
Junior League of Charleston, Inc 843.763.5284
Mothers Against Drunk Driving State Chapter 800.543.8692
NAACP - Charleston Branch 843.805.8030
Omar Shrine Temple 843.971.0131
Rotary Club of Charleston 843.971.4352
South Carolina Wildlife Federation 803. 256.0670
Sierra Club 800.944.8733

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Berkeley County Family YMCA 843.761.9622
Jenkins Orphanage Administration 843. 744.2429
Jewish Community Center 843. 571.6565
Lowcountry Children's Center 843. 723.3600
North Charleston Community Service Center 843.554.1176
South Carolina Guardian Ad Litum 843.958.4350
South Santee Community Center 843.546.2789
Summerville YMCA 843.8719622
Summerville YMCA Gymnastics Center 843.821.2727
YMCA, 61 Cannon St 843. 577.9622
YWCA, 106 Coming St. 843.722.1644

COMMUNITY SERVICES

American Red Cross Carolina Low Country Chapter 843.744.8021
Association for the Blind 843.723-6915
Berkeley Citizens 843.761.0300

Berkeley County Rescue Squad 843.719.4295
The Community Foundation Serving Coastal SC 843.723.3635
Family Services of Charleston County 843.744.1348 or (800) 232.6489
Florence Crittenton Programs (unwed pregnant women) 843.722.7526
Helping Hands of Goose Creek 843.553.7132
HOME - Charleston Interfaith Crisis Ministry 843.723.9477
Hospice of Charleston, Inc 843.529.3100
Lowcountry Food Bank 843.747.8146

Lowcountry AIDS Services 843.747.2273
Lutheran Social Service Center 843.747.1788
My Sister's House, Inc. (domestic violence) 843.744.3242
People Against Rape 843.746.1003
Ronald McDonald House 843.723.7957
Salvation Army 843.747.5271
Sea Island Comprehensive Health Center 843.559.4137
John Ancrum, SPCA 843.747.4849
South Carolina Coastal Conservation League 943.723.8035
Trident United Way Information & Referral Service 843.740.9000

DRIVING

STEPS TO OBTAINING A S.C. DRIVER'S LICENSE

For any new residents of South Carolina, an out-of-state driver's license is valid for 90 days after moving.

During new residents' first 90 days in the state, they may turn licenses in to the S.C. Division of Motor Vehicles / Department of Revenue & Taxation and qualify for S.C. licenses by passing a written test and paying a \$2 fee.

Military personnel may continue using a current driver's license and license plates from their home state as long as either is valid.

New residents who pass the written exam are not required to take a road test.

S.C. licenses are valid for four years, with renewals on birthdays.

STEPS TO AUTO REGISTRATION AND OBTAINING LICENSE PLATES

Before registering an automobile in South Carolina, a paid tax receipt for that vehicle must be shown to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The receipt must bear the name of the person applying for the vehicle registration.

New residents must have local license plates within 30 days of moving to South Carolina.

The fee to register a private passenger vehicle is \$24 and can be obtained through the mail for an additional \$1 charge. Title is \$5. A title transfer is \$3. For anyone over the age of 65, the fee is lowered to \$10.

In order to complete your vehicle registration, you must also present a title, proof of liability insurance coverage and any vehicle property tax payment receipt to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

THE RULES OF THE ROAD: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

South Carolina utilizes a point system to penalize traffic law violators. This system is designed to encourage violators to improve driving habits or risk losing their license. Each traffic violation carries an assigned number of points, and when the total reaches a maximum of 12, the driver's license is suspended.

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Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs carry severe penalties, including imprisonment.

In South Carolina, if windshield wipers are being used because of weather conditions, then headlights must be used. Seat belts are required for both drivers and front seat passengers. State law mandates the use of child safety seats that meets National Safety Commission standards (buses are the only exception). Toddlers, under the age of four, must be restrained in the front or back seat.

GOVERNMENT STATE GOVERNMENT

State capital is Columbia, located approximately 110 miles northwest of Charleston. South Carolina is governed under a constitution ratified in 1895. State legislators and members of the state's executive branch can be contacted by calling the following numbers:

Governor 803.734.9400
Lt. Governor 803.734.2080
State Senate 803.734.2080

House of Representatives 803.734.2402

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The structure of county government varies in each county.

BERKELEY COUNTY:

County affairs are managed by a county council with an elected county supervisor serving as chief administrative officer.

CHARLESTON COUNTY:

Council-administrator form of government.

Council members are elected at large to four-year terms.

A county administrator is appointed by the county council to manage the day to day activities of the county. Three council members must be from the city of Charleston, three from North Charleston, two from West Ashley and one from East Cooper.

DORCHESTER COUNTY:

Seven-member county council, with each member elected to a four-year term.

Council administrator is appointed by the county council to administer the day-to-day activities of the county.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The 25 incorporated areas within Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties operate separately under the mayor/council form of government although the day-to-day operations vary from city to city.

INCORPORATED AREAS OF BERKELEY COUNTY:

Governed by a mayor and city council, elected to four-year terms.

CITY OF CHARLESTON:

Governed by a mayor and city council. Twelve city council members are elected on a single-member district basis for four-year terms, with six members subject to election every other year.

CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON:

Governed by a mayor and six council members elected at large to serve four-year terms.

Under city law, the mayor is the administrative officer. Other incorporated areas of Charleston County operate similar mayor-council forms of government.

INCORPORATED AREAS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY:

Operate under a mayor/council form of government. The Summerville Town Council appoints a town manager to serve as a professional administrator overseeing town affairs.

CITIES AND TOWNS

Awendaw 843.928.3100
Bonneau 843.825.3385

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Charleston	843.577.6970
Folly Beach	843.588.2447
Goose Creek	843.797.6220
Hanahan	843.554.4221
Hollywood	843.889.3222
Harleyville	843.462.7676
Isle of Palms	843.886.6428
Jamestown	843.257.2233
Kiawah	843.768.9166
Lincolnton	843.873.3261
McClellanville	843.887.3712
Meggett	843.889.3622
Moncks Comer	843.719.7918
Mt. Pleasant	843.884.8517
North Charleston	843.554.5700
Ravenel	843.889.8732
Ridgeville	843.871.7960
St. George	843.563.3032
St. Stephen	843.567.3597
Seabrook	843.768.9121
Sullivan's Island	843.883.3198

LIBRARIES

The Metro region's public library systems offer film programs, puppet shows, business and employment information, historical and genealogical materials, videotapes, musical recordings, and magazines and newspapers from throughout the world.

BERKELEY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

GOOSE CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

325 Old Moncks Comer Rd .• Goose Creek, S.C. 29445 843.572.1376

HANAHAN BRANCH LIBRARY

1274 Yeamans Hall Road. Hanahan, S.C. 29406 843.747.5400

ST. STEPHEN BRANCH LIBRARY

PO. Box 596 St. • Stephen, S.C. 29479-0596 843.567.4862

CHARLESTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

MAIN LIBRARY

68 Calhoun St. • Charleston, S.C. 29403 843.805.6802

COOPER RIVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

3503 Rivers Ave .• North Charleston, S.C. 29405 843.744.2489

DORCHESTER ROAD REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

6325 Dorchester Rd .• North Charleston, S.C. 29418 843.552.6466

EDGAR ALLEN POE LIBRARY

1921 I'on Ave .• Sullivan's Island, S.C. 29842 843.883-3914

EDISTO BRANCH LIBRARY THOMAS HALL

Hwy. 174 • Edisto Island, S.C. 2943 843.869.2355

FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

55 Center St. • Folly Beach, S.C. 29439 843.588.2001

JAMES ISLAND LIBRARY

1248 Camp Rd .• James Island, S.C. 29412 843.795.6679

MCCLELLANVILLE LIBRARY

222 Baker St. • McClellanville, S.C. 29458 843.887.3699

MT. PLEASANT REGIONAL LIBRARY

1133 Mathis Ferry Rd .• Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464 843.849.6161

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OTRANTO ROAD REGIONAL LIBRARY

2261 Otranto Rd .• Charleston, S.C. 29406 843.572.4094

ST. ANDREWS REGIONAL LIBRARY

1735 N. Woodmere Dr .• Charleston, S.C. 29407 843.766.2546

ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY

5151 Hwy. 165 • Hollywood, S.C. 29449 843.889.3300

VILLAGE LIBRARY

430 Whilden St. • Mt. Pleasant, S.c. 29464 843.884.9741

WEST ASHLEY LIBRARY

45 South Windermere Blvd .• Charleston, S.C. 29407 843.766.6635

DORCHESTER COUNIY LIBRARY SYSTEM MAIN LIBRARY

506 North Parler Ave .• St. George, S.C. 29477 843.563.9189

SUMMERVILLE LIBRARY

76 Old Trolley Rd .• Summerville, S.C. 29485 843.871.5075

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MEDIA

Visit Charleston's Finest Guide Media Services for more information

<http://www.charlestonsofinest.com/sc/mediaservices.htm>

NEWSPAPERS

The Post and Courier serves the Charleston Metro area. There is also numerous community newspapers in the Metro region.

THE BERKELEY INDEPENDENT Local Berkeley County. Published weekly 843. 761.6397

CHARLESTON REGIONAL BUSINESS JOURNAL Published every other Monday 843.849-3100

THE CHRONICLE Issues relevant to Charleston's black community Published weekly 843.723.2785

COASTAL TIMES News and issues pertinent to the black community Published weekly 843.723.5318

THE DORCHESTER EAGLE RECORD Local Dorchester County. Published weekly 843.563.3121

THE GOOSE CREEK GAZETTE Regional Berkeley & Charleston. Published weekly 843.572.0511

THE HANAHAN NEWS Local Hanahan, Goose Creek, part Berkeley County. Pub weekly 843.747.5773

THE JOURNAL Separate newspapers/local James, John's, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands. Published weekly 843.762.4490

THE MOULTRIE NEWS Local East Cooper. Published weekly 843.849.1778

NORTH CHARLESTON NEWS Local North Charleston. Published weekly 843.744.8000

THE POST AND COURIER International, national, state and local news Published daily 843.577.7111

THE SUMMERVILLE JOURNAL SCENE Local Summerville Published each Wed / Fri 843.873.9424

CABLE TELEVISION

Cable television subscriptions can be ordered through the following regional companies:

Berkeley Cable TV 843.761.8188

Comcast Cable Communications 843.554.4100 or 843.559.2424

Knology 843.225.1000

Time Warner Cable 843.871.7000

BROADCAST TELEVISION

STATION CALL LETTERS NETWORK

Channel 2 WCBD NBC 843.884.2222

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Channel 4	WCIV	ABC	843.881.4444
Channel 5	WCSC	CBS	843.402.5555
Channel 7	WETV	PBS	800.922.5437
Channel 24	WTAT	FOX	843.744.2424
Channel 36	WMMP/UPN		843.744.2424

RADIO STATIONS

WSCC 730 News/Talk 843.884.2534
WTMZ910 Sports 843.763.6631
WQTK950 Sports 843.763-6631
WAZS Mexican Regional 843.554.1063
WTMA 1250 News/Talk 843.277.1200
WQSC 1340 News/Talk 843.763.6631
WXTC 1390 Gospel 843.277.1200
WQNT 1450 News 843.763.6631
WSCI 89.3 Public Radio 800.922.5437
WKCL 91.5 Religious 843.553.1525
WCSQ 92.5 Adult Contemporary 843.972.1100
WWWZ93.3 Urban Contemporary 843.277-1200
WSC 94.3 News/Talk 843.884.2534
WSSX 95.1 Top 40 843.277-1200
WAVF96.1 Adult Rock 843.972-1100
WSUY96.9 Adult Contemporary 843.556.5660
WYBB 98.1 Rock 843.769.4799
WAZS 98.9 Mexican Regional 843.554.1063
WXST 99.7 Urban Adult Contemporary 843.277.1200
WALC 100.5 Hot Adult Contemporary 843.884.2534
WMGL 101.7 Urban Adult Contemporary 843.277.1200
WXLV 102.5 Oldies 843.884.2534
WEZL 103.5 Country 843.884.2534
WRFQ 104.5 Classic Rock 843.884.2534
WCOO 105.5 Classic Hits 843.769-4799
WTUA 106.1 Religious 803.567.2091
WJNI 106.3 Gospel 843.554.1063
WNKT 107.5 Country 843.556.5660

PLANTATIONS. PARKS AND GARDENS

Visit Charleston's Finest Guide for more information and websites under attractions and recreation.

<http://www.charlestonsofinest.com/sc/places.htm>

<http://www.charlestonsofinest.com/sc/rec.htm>

Audubon Swamp Garden 843.571.1266
Boone Hall Plantation 843.884.4371
Charles Towne Landing 843.852.4200
Cypress Gardens 843.553.0515
Drayton Hall 843.766.0188
Fort Dorchester 843.873.1740
Fort Moultrie & Fort Sumter 843.883.3123

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Francis Biedler Forest 843.462.2150
Givhans Ferry State Park 843.8730692
James Island County Park 843.795-7275
Magnolia Cemetery 843.722.8638
Magnolia Plantation & Its Gardens 843.571.1266
Middleton Place 843.556.6020
Old Santee Canal State Park 843.899.5200
Palmetto Islands County Park 843.884.0832
Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum 843.884.2727

COMMUNITY PARK DEPARTMENTS

Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission 843.762.2172
City of Charleston Dept. of Recreation 843.724.7327
Folly Beach County Park 843.588.2426
Isle of Palms County Park 843.886-DUNE
Isle of Palms Dept. of Recreation 843.886.8294
Mt. Pleasant Recreation Dept. 843.884.2528
N. Charleston Recreation & Parks Dept. 843.745.1028
N. Charleston Wannamaker County Park 843.572.PARK
St. Andrews Parks & Playground Dept. 843.763.4360
Summerville Dept. of Parks & Playgrounds 843.871.6000

POSTAL SERVICE

THE CENTRAL BRANCH OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
7075 Cross County Rd., North Charleston 843.760.5421 or 843.760.5300
ADAMS RUN 5190 Hwy. 174 843.889.8533

OLD MAIN OFFICE STATION 83 Broad St., Downtown Charleston 843.577.0690
EAST BAY STATION 557 East Bay St. Downtown Charleston 843.722.3624
FOLLY BEACH 107 East Indian Street 843.588.2244
GOOSE CREEK 307 N. Goose Creek Blvd 843.553.0321
HOLLYWOOD 6345 Hwy. 162 843.889.2624
ISLE OF PALMS 1000 Palm Blvd 843.886.6536
JAMES ISLAND 579 Folly Rd 843.795.5006
JOHNS ISLAND 2860 Maybank Hwy 843.559.0622
LADSON 3213 Ladson Rd 843.797.1989
MONCK'S CORNER 117 Hwy. 52 North 843.761.8455
MT. PLEASANT 1050 Johnnie Dodds Blvd 843.884.8221
NORTH CHARLESTON 6401 Rivers Ave 843.569.2610
PINEHAVEN 2180 McMillan Ave., N. Charleston 843.744.7810
RAVENEL 6239 Savannah Hwy 843.889.8990
RIDGEVILLE 185 Church St. 843.873.3512
ST. ANDREWS 78 Sycamore Ave., West Ashley 843.766.4031
ST. GEORGE 5988 West Jim Bilton Blvd 843.563.3551
SULUVAN'S ISLAND 2051 Middle St. 843.883.3461
SUMMERVILLE 301 N. Gum St 843.873-3571
WADMALAW ISLAND 1917 Uberia Road 843.559.0506

RELIGION

There are more than 350 active churches and synagogues in the Metro area. Services are available for all major denominations and several nondenominational groups. Most religions are community-oriented and provide services for the elderly and homeless. Many congregations sponsor day-care and after-school programs for children of working parents.

Move2Charleston.com CharlestonsFinest.com Toll free 800.252.7958

Catholic Diocese of Charleston 843.853.2130
Charleston Jewish Federation 843.571.6565
Episcopal Diocese of S.C 843.722.4075

TAXES

PROPERTY TAXES

Real estate that is not owner-occupied is assessed at 6 percent of the market value. Real estate that is owner-occupied is assessed at 4 percent of market value.

SALES TAX

There is a 5% state sales tax imposed in Dorchester county on the purchase of food, personal effects, and other items.

There is a 6% sales tax rate (5% state and 1% local option) imposed in Charleston and Berkeley counties.

INCOME TAX

South Carolina levies taxes on the net income of individuals, trusts and estates. Residents and non-residents earning income from South Carolina based sources are subject to this tax.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

BERKELEY COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE 223 North Live Oak Dr. Moncks Corner, S.C. 29461
843.719.4040

CHARLESTON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE P.O. Box 878 Charleston, S.C. 29402
843.958.4360

S.C. DEPT. OF REVENUE 3 South Park, Ste. 202 Charleston, S.C. 29407 843.852.3600

TRANSPORTATION

The Charleston Area Regional Transit Authority operated by the City of Charleston serving: City of Charleston, North Charleston, Isle of Palms, James Island, Mt. Pleasant and West Ashley CARTA serves the peninsula with four routes. Passes are available at city-owned garages and the visitor's center. All equipment is fully accessible for the disabled. Call 843.747.0922 for schedule information. Greyhound Bus Lines (800) 231.2222 DASH Shuttle 843.724.7420 Charleston Area Regional Transit Authority 843.747.0922

RURAL TRANSPORTATION

Management Association (800) 966-6631

AIRPORT SERVICE

Charleston International Airport 843.767.1100 Serves more than a million civilian and military passengers each year. Is served by five airlines: Continental Airways, Northwest Airlines, Delta, United Express, USAirways. Six private airports are located in the region.

HIGHWAYS AND RAIL SERVICE

The Metro area has access to three interstate highways: 1-26, 1-95 and 1-526.

The area is serviced by five major U.S. highways and 17 state highways.

RAIL SYSTEM

Travels to more major cities than any other Southern port. Main line railroads serving the area include the CSX System and Norfolk Southern. Amtrak connects the region with other cities throughout the nation via rail. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AMTRAK: Reservations (800) 872-7245

Passenger Station Information 843.744.8264

VOTER REGISTRATION

For voter registration information, call or write one of the following offices:

BERKELEY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION 223 North Live Oak Drive, Rm. B-3 Moncks Comer, S.C. 29461 843.723.3800, Ext. 4056

CHARLESTON COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION 3360 Rivers Ave. P.O. Box 71419 Charleston, S.C. 29415 843.744.8683

DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION 10 I Ridge Street County Courthouse St.

George, S.C. 29477 843.832.0132

Youth Services

Boy Scouts of America 843.763.0305

Camp Happy Days 843.571.4336

Carolina Youth Development Center 843.744.5358

Girl Scouts Service Center 843.552.9910

Junior Achievement of Greater Charleston 843.745.1141