Carolina Fence Company: Charleston Floods Raise Fence Questions

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CHARLESTON, SC - October 23, 2026 -
Charleston recorded 21 road closures and two downed-tree calls by late morning October 10, 2026, during a period of high tides and flood conditions. The disruption makes fence condition a practical question for property owners once their sites are safe to enter. Carolina Fence Company provides new fence installation and full replacement in the Charleston area; it does not offer standalone fence repairs.

The city update documents road closures and calls about trees, not a tally of damaged fences. A flooded street can be blocks away from an unaffected yard. Conversely, a property owner may find a leaning fence or displaced panels after the roads reopen. The city's figures establish the scale of the public disruption, not the condition of any particular property or a new local requirement to replace fencing.

The October 10 report followed a city flood-mitigation activation two days earlier. In that notice, inspectors were contacting contractors to secure active worksites, while residents were asked to secure loose yard items and keep debris out of storm drains. The city was preparing for an overlap of heavy rain and king tides. Its notice did not issue a new fence-specific order.

For a resident returning to a property, safety comes before measuring a fence line. The city's hurricane-recovery guidance says to wait until local officials declare it safe to return. It also warns that cleanup can bring cuts, punctures and other injuries. Downed power lines, damaged trees, standing water and closed roads are reasons to leave a survey for later, not to press ahead with a fence estimate while the site remains hazardous.

Once the site is accessible, photographs can show which panels moved, where posts lean, and how the fence meets a gate or adjacent structure. Notes about the affected run and the rest of the perimeter help separate a limited defect from a potential full rebuild. That is a description of a homeowner's own property, not evidence that the October event caused a particular failure. The two downed-tree calls reported by the

city cannot be converted into claims about fence damage.

That distinction determines what kind of contractor work is relevant. A single-post repair and replacement of an entire fence are different scopes, even if both start with the same inspection of what remains. Carolina Fence Company's current residential page expressly lists new installations and full replacements while excluding standalone repairs and gate installations. A gate can be part of a full fence project, but the presence of separate gate links elsewhere on the site should not be read as a current offer to install a gate by itself.

The company states that it applies a 100-linear-foot minimum charge even when the proposed fence is shorter. The policy concerns the charge, not a minimum length the company will build. A homeowner weighing a shorter replacement should therefore describe the actual length and ask how the quoted scope and charge apply.

Replacement planning also depends on which authority covers the address. Charleston's permit center lists fence applications for residential and commercial work in its online portal. Its guidance asks applicants to confirm a property's location within city limits and directs them to other jurisdictional mapping tools when the address is outside them. A Charleston mailing address alone should not be taken as proof that city permit procedures govern a parcel. The center does not describe a new October fence-permit rule.

Cleanup and reconstruction have separate considerations. The city's recovery guidance says storm debris should be sorted and placed away from roadways, sidewalks, meters and electrical components. Property owners considering a full replacement can keep photographs of the existing fence before removing materials, check the intended boundary and gate location, and review any applicable neighborhood requirements before selecting a new layout. Insurance coverage and contractor availability depend on the particular case.

Carolina Fence Company serves the area with new residential fences and full replacements. Its published project-fit information distinguishes that work from standalone repairs. City storm updates, recovery guidance and the permit center remain the sources for public safety and application information as owners consider next steps after the October flooding.

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