

## Support Resources for Hurricane Season Preparedness

### If You Need Help Now

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| Emergency or immediate danger             | 911              |
| Mental health crisis support              | Call or text 988 |
| Local shelter, food & financial referrals | 211              |
| Red Cross disaster assistance             | 1-800-RED-CROSS  |
| FEMA disaster assistance                  | 1-800-621-3362   |

Use official live sources for evacuation orders, shelter locations, road closures, storm track, storm surge, and re-entry instructions because conditions can change quickly.

### Hurricane Alerts, Forecasts & Preparedness Guidance

#### Ready.gov - Hurricanes

[Website](#)

Evacuation planning, emergency supply lists, protecting documents, alerts, and recovery steps.

#### National Hurricane Center (NOAA)

[Website](#)

Forecasts, track maps, watches and warnings, storm surge advisories, rainfall, wind, and hazardous marine conditions.

#### National Weather Service

[Website](#)

Local forecasts, weather alerts, flood warnings, tornado warnings, heat advisories, and local office updates.

#### FEMA

[Website](#)

Preparedness checklists, disaster assistance information, and app-based severe weather alerts and shelter information.

### Local Alerts to Set Up Before a Storm

#### Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

[Website](#)

Automatic alerts to most phones. Keep emergency alerts turned on during hurricane season.

#### County or City Emergency Alerts

[Website](#)

Enroll for evacuation orders, road closures, shelter updates, curfews, and re-entry instructions.

#### Evacuation Zone & Surge Maps

[Website](#)

Know whether your home, worksite, school, or caregiving location is in a storm surge, flood, or evacuation zone.

#### State DOT / 511

[Website](#)

Use official road condition tools for closures, detours, bridge restrictions, traffic, and evacuation-route updates.

## Shelter, Financial & Recovery Assistance

Use this page after evacuation, displacement, property damage, or a declared disaster. Availability may depend on location, eligibility, declaration status, and current funding.



### Core Support Resources

#### American Red Cross

[Website](#)

Emergency shelter, food, supplies, reunification, medications, disaster casework, and recovery support. Phone: 1-800-RED-CROSS

#### 211

[Website](#)

Local referrals for emergency shelter, temporary lodging or hotel voucher referrals where available, food, transportation, utilities, childcare, cleanup, and case management.

#### FEMA Disaster Assistance / DisasterAssistance.gov

[Website](#)

Apply after a federal disaster declaration for eligible temporary housing, home repair, and other needs. Phone: 1-800-621-3362

#### D-SNAP / Disaster Food Assistance

[Website](#)

Post-disaster food benefits may be activated by states with USDA support after eligible declared disasters.

#### SBA Disaster Loans

[Website](#)

Homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses may qualify for low-interest disaster loans after declarations.

#### Insurance & Local Emergency Management

[Website](#)

Use official contacts for claims, local instructions, debris pickup, re-entry timing, and documentation requirements.



### Before Applying for Aid or Cleanup Support

#### Document Damage

Take photos and videos before cleanup when it is safe. Save damaged-item lists, receipts, claim numbers, and repair estimates.

#### Keep Critical Records Together

Store IDs, insurance information, prescriptions, medical-device details, and emergency contacts in a waterproof bag and secure cloud folder.

#### Check Active Declarations

FEMA, D-SNAP, SBA, state, and nonprofit support may open or close based on declarations and local conditions.

#### Coordinate Through Official Sources

Use official relief organizations, local emergency management, and insurance contacts rather than social media rumors.

## Local Evacuation, Travel & Safety Checklist

Use this checklist for storm-specific decisions. Confirm details through county emergency management, local alerts, state DOT/511, NWS, and official shelter sources.



### Before You Evacuate

#### Plan Routes

Choose two main routes and one backup, avoiding flood-prone roads and bridges with wind restrictions or closures. Identify 2–3 destinations: inland family or friends, a hotel, or public shelter.

#### Secure Your Home

Bring in outdoor items, close and lock windows and doors, and follow local guidance for utilities.

#### Pack for the Route

Bring medications, chargers, cash, paper or offline map, IDs, insurance documents, pet supplies, water, snacks, and essential medical-device information.

#### Fuel & Charge Early

Keep the car ready, devices charged, and backup batteries available when a storm is possible.



### During Evacuation & Severe Weather

#### Leave Early

Evacuate when ordered or when local officials recommend it. Gridlock, fuel shortages, bridge closures, and limited hotels can happen quickly.

#### Use Official Road Information

Check state DOT or 511 for road closures, detours, bridge restrictions, traffic, and evacuation-route updates.

#### Avoid Floodwater

Never drive through floodwater. Turn around, do not drown.

#### Avoid Unsafe Areas

Stay away from storm surge zones, flooded streets, damaged buildings, downed lines, and standing water near electrical equipment.



### After the Storm

#### Return Safely

Return only when local officials say it is safe and follow posted road or access restrictions. Watch for structural damage, gas leaks, downed power lines, contaminated water, and unstable trees.

#### Use Safe Food & Water

Follow local boil-water advisories and discard food that may be unsafe due to flooding or extended power loss.

#### Mental Health & Crisis Support

For disaster-related distress, call or text the SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990. For immediate mental health crisis support, call or text 988.

#### Use Generators Safely

Use generators outdoors and away from windows, doors, and vents. Never use one inside a home, garage, or enclosed space.