

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

If you need emergency help call 9-1-1.

BASIC SUPPLIES

If you need supplies, such as food, water, or ice, please contact your county emergency management at: http://www.floridadisaster.org/fl_county_em.asp or by phone at (850) 815-4001 for the location of the nearest distribution center.

FEMA ASSISTANCE

Floridians affected by Hurricane Irma should apply for assistance with FEMA as soon as their county is granted Individual Assistance. To apply visit: www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585. For a list of counties approved for Individual Assistance visit: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4337#>.

HELP FOR SENIORS

If you know of a senior who needs assistance call the Florida Department of Elder Affairs hotline at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337). To report elder abuse, call 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873).

HELP FOR VETERANS

Veterans needing assistance or medication can contact the Veteran Disaster Hotline at 1-800-507-4571 or go to any VA medical facility for assistance.

MENTAL HEALTH

If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress please call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained counselor. You may also visit: <http://bit.ly/2vH2Huc> for more information about talking with children about traumatic events.

MORTGAGE RELIEF

To find out if you qualify for temporary mortgage relief visit the Freddie Mac website at: <http://www.freddie.com/about/hurricane-relief.html>. For additional information visit the Fannie Mae website at: <http://www.fanniemae.com/portal/about-fm/hurricane-relief.html> or by phone at 1-800-2FANNIE, 1-800-232-6643.

DIALYSIS

To find a dialysis center in your area visit: <http://www.dialysisunits.com/>. Patients of DaVita Dialysis may contact 1-800-400-8331 to find the nearest Dialysis Center.

DISASTER RECOVERY LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration is providing various disaster loans to qualifying Floridians in several counties. For more information about SBA disaster loans visit: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-irma>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides loans and assistance to qualifying individuals, businesses, and communities after disasters. For more information visit: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/disaster/storms>, or contact the USDA office in Florida at: (352) 338-3400.

TAX RELIEF

Floridians in counties granted Individual Assistance may be eligible for tax relief from the IRS. To learn more about IRS assistance for victims of Hurricane Irma visit: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricane-irma>.

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Floridians who are unemployed as a result of the disaster are encouraged to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) through the U.S. Department of Labor. For additional information about DUA visit: <https://workforcsecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp> or contact the U.S. Department of Labor by phone at 1-866-487-2365.

HURRICANE RESPONSE HIRING

The U.S. Small Business Administration is hiring a variety of temporary positions located throughout Florida now through December 31, 2017. For more information visit: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba#section-header-4>.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

For in-person assistance with storm related questions, or to apply for benefits you may visit your local FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. For a list of centers in your area visit: <http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm>

Dear Floridians

Hurricane Irma was one of the most powerful storms ever recorded, prompting one of the largest evacuations in U.S. history.

This massive storm affected every part of our state. And, as we clean-up and rebuild, I encourage every Floridian affected by this storm to apply for assistance with FEMA as soon as possible. You may be eligible for financial help or even direct assistance for things such as: clean-up, temporary housing, medical and moving expenses and more.

It's important that you get your FEMA claim in as soon as possible, without delay.

To apply for FEMA assistance visit: www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585.

Please take a few minutes to review the information provided below. You may be eligible for other temporary assistance and benefits.

As I travel around our state, I am heartened by the stories I am hearing over and over again of Floridians helping Floridians. I encourage you to share this information with your friends and neighbors as we work together to rebuild our state.



For assistance contact me by e-mail at: IrmaAssistance@billnelson.senate.gov, by phone toll free in Florida at 1-888-671-4091, or stop by any of my offices.

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