

# **Alabama Tornado Disaster Resources**

## **March 4, 2019**

### **Governor Kay Ivey**

600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
(334) 242-7100

<https://governor.alabama.gov>

Governor Kay Ivey has issued a State of Emergency effective at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2019, for several Alabama counties due to flooding caused by heavy rains over the past several days and ongoing severe weather today. The counties included are as follows: Blount, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, Dekalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Walker, and Winston.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> Governor Kay Ivey expanded the State of Emergency to all counties that have experienced damage of any type as a result of severe weather that occurred on March 3, 2019. For opportunities to help after a disaster please donate to The Governor's Emergency Relief Fund at:

The Governor's Emergency Relief Fund  
P.O. Box 1523  
Montgomery, AL 36102

<https://www.servealabama.gov/governor-s-emergency-relief-fund>

### **Alabama Emergency Management Agency**

5898 Co Rd 41  
Clanton, AL 35046  
(205) 280-2200

<https://ema.alabama.gov>

A number of tornadoes have already been confirmed this afternoon in south Alabama and areas south of I85 and east of I65 remain under a threat. A line of storms near I85/I65 at 3 pm will move southeast, and not clear extreme southeast Alabama until 8 pm.

A large and destructive tornado with injuries has been reported in Lee County, and the potential continues for additional large, destructive tornado development in the shaded area.

If a warning is issued for your location, make sure you get to a sturdy building, on the lowest floor and put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Use helmets, blankets and pillows to protect yourself. Do not stay in vehicles or manufactured homes.

### **Alabama Department of Transportation**

1409 Coliseum Boulevard  
Montgomery, Alabama 36110  
(334) 353-6554

<https://www.dot.state.al.us>

<https://www.algotraffic.com>

I-59/20 Exit 124 through Exit 126 both directions in Downtown Birmingham CLOSED. Trucks use I-459 as an alternate route  
Freeze warning in the Tennessee Valley  
Flood warnings for all counties near the Tennessee River

**Alabama United Way**

3600 8th Avenue South  
Birmingham, AL 35222  
(205) 251-5131  
Dial 211 for the United Way in your area.  
<https://www.uwca.org>

**United Way Open Shelters**

Cherokee Health & Rehab  
877 Cedar Bluff Road  
Cedar Center, AL, 35960

Providence Baptist Church  
2807 Lee County Rd 166  
Opelika, AL 36804

**United Way/211 Information and Referrals Line**

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

**American Red Cross**

<http://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter>  
State website <https://www.redcross.org/local/alabama.html>

Mid-Alabama Chapter (Regional Headquarters)  
700 Caldwell Trace  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
(205) 439-7800

Central Alabama Chapter  
5015 Woods Crossing  
Montgomery, AL 36106  
(334) 260-3980

East Alabama Chapter  
206 26th Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 749-9981

North Alabama Chapter  
1101 Washington Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 536-0084

South Alabama Chapter  
35 North Sage Avenue  
Mobile, AL 36607  
(251) 544-6110

West Alabama Chapter  
2130 Paul W. Bryant Drive, Suite B  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
(205)758-3608

### **National Resources**

**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration  
Disaster Distress Helpline**  
(800) 985-5990

National mental health helpline that is available to those who have experienced a natural or human caused disaster. The helpline is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The counselors are able to provide support and referrals to local resources.

### **National Weather Service**

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>. There are currently no active alerts for North Carolina.

### **The Weather Channel**

Provides local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>. Select “Weather News” and then click on “Severe Weather Alerts” to search for alerts by state. Information related to Hurricane Irma may be found at <https://weather.com/storms/hurricane-central>.

### **American Red Cross Safe and Well List**

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “List Myself as Safe and Well”. Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “Search Registrants”.

### **Optum Help Line**

Free Help Line: Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>