

## Arkansas Severe Winter Storms January 31, 2023

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### **Proclamation on Disaster Relief in Arkansas, Ashley, Clay, Garland, Lincoln, and Phillips Counties**

*“WHEREAS: On or about January 02, 2023, severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding began, and continued thereafter, causing great damage to private property and public facilities in various jurisdictions in Arkansas;*

*WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon the citizens and public properties within the State; and*

*WHEREAS: These political subdivisions require supplemental assistance from the State to recover from these losses.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, et seq., do hereby declare Arkansas, Ashley, Clay, Garland, Lincoln, and Phillips Counties disaster areas;*

*FURTHERMORE, I authorize funds from the Governors Response and Recovery Fund under the Individual Assistance Program, in the amount of \$1,189,600.00, to be used to provide supplemental disaster relief in Arkansas, Ashley, Garland, Lincoln and Phillips Counties. Such funds will be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management to defray both program and administrative costs;*

*FURTHERMORE, I, authorize funds from the Governors Response and Recovery Fund under the Public Assistance Program to be used to provide supplemental disaster relief to Clay County. Such funds will be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management to defray both program and administrative costs;*

*FURTHERMORE, I hereby invoke emergency executive powers vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, et seq., as amended, and suspend the provisions*

*of regulating statutes prescribing procedures for conduct of the Office of Procurement, the Division of Building Authority, the Office of Personnel Management, and all other state departments and agencies to render maximum assistance to the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management relative to any potential impediment to the rapid and orderly rendering of assistance to political subdivisions.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2023.”*

**Arkansas Department of Emergency Management**

Building 9501

Camp Joseph Robinson

North Little Rock, AR 72118

(501) 683-6700

<https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/emergency-management/adem>

[https://twitter.com/AR\\_Emergencies](https://twitter.com/AR_Emergencies)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/ARemergencies>

**American Red Cross of Arkansas**

2610 Shackelford Road, Suite B

Little Rock, AR 72205

(501) 748-1000

<https://www.redcross.org/local/arkansas.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/ArkRedCross>

<https://twitter.com/ArkRedCross>

**Open Shelters:**

Currently, there are no shelters open. For updated information on available shelters, please visit: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

**Arkansas Department of Transportation**

10324 Interstate 30

Little Rock, AR 72209

501-569-2000

<https://www.ardot.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/myARDOT>

<https://twitter.com/myARDOT>

For information on road conditions, please call or text (501) 569-2374. You may also visit: <https://idrivearkansas.com>

### **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

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 dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at <https://www.211.org>.

### **Arkansas 211**

Dial 2-1-1 or (866) 489-6983  
<https://arkansas211.org>

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES:**

#### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472  
(800) 621-3362  
<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

#### **DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV**

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL**

National Headquarters  
2025 East Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767  
<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

#### **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

#### **THE WEATHER CHANNEL**

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

## **NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

## **SAFE TRAVEL USA**

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

### **Free Help Line:**

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

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. 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>.