

State of Florida, [Alabama](#) and [Georgia](#) Disaster Resources - Hurricane Michael
October 11, 2018

Florida Office of the Governor Rick Scott

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October 10, 2018

Governor Scott will continue to be in constant communication with state and local emergency management officials and state agency leaders to ensure the state is prepared to respond to the potential devastating impacts from Hurricane Michael. On October 7th, Governor Scott declared a state of emergency in 26 Florida counties, and expanded it to include 35 counties total on October 8th. Yesterday, October 9th, following Governor Scott's request, President Donald Trump approved a pre-landfall emergency declaration. This declaration will provide important resources and assistance from the federal government, including personnel, equipment and supplies, as well as making available funding sources for emergency protective measures. The pre-landfall declaration request is for 35 Florida counties.

Today, Governor Rick Scott activated the Florida Disaster Fund to support individuals who are impacted by Hurricane Michael. The Florida Disaster Fund helps provide financial support to Florida's communities in times of disaster. The Florida Disaster Fund is the State of Florida's official private fund established to assist Florida's communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster. The fund is administered by the Volunteer Florida Foundation. Funds will support disaster relief organizations active in responding to and recovering from Hurricane Michael. In partnership with the public sector, private sector and other non-governmental organizations, the Florida Disaster Fund supports response and recovery activities. For additional questions about the Florida Disaster Fund, please contact info@volunteerflorida.org or call (850) 414-7400.

October 7, 2018

Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order 18-276 declaring a state of emergency in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy and Citrus counties, as the state continues to monitor and prepare for Tropical Storm Michael. By declaring this state of emergency, Governor Scott is ensuring that state and local government has ample time, resources and flexibility to get prepared for this storm. Governor Scott is also urging all utilities and local partners to ensure mutual aid agreements are in place

and review the number of generators they have to ensure they have all the resources needed. Governor Scott also directed the Florida National Guard to activate 500 guardsmen to assist with planning and logistics, and to prepare for response in impacted areas.

At Governor Scott's direction, the State Emergency Operations Center will activate to Level 1 tomorrow morning, additionally the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) has activated, enhancing coordination between federal, state and local emergency management agencies.

Florida Division of Emergency Management

2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, Florida 32399

(850) 815-4000

<https://www.floridadisaster.org>

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

<https://twitter.com/flsert>

Alachua County Emergency Management

1100 SE 27th Street

Gainesville, FL 32641

(352) 264-6500

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/depts/em/pages/em.aspx>

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

<https://twitter.com/alachuacounty>

Baker County Emergency Management

1 Sheriff's Office Drive

Macclenny, FL 32063

(904) 259-6111

http://www.bakerso.com/Departments/emergency_management

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

Bay County Emergency Management

700 Hwy 2300

Southport, FL 32409

(850) 784-4000

<http://baycountyfl.gov/166/Emergency-Management-Division>

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

<https://twitter.com/baycountyem>

Bradford County Emergency Management

945-B N Temple Avenue

Starke, FL 32091

(904) 966-6336

<http://bradfordsheriff.org>

<https://twitter.com/bradfordsheriff>
<https://www.facebook.com/BradfordEmergency>

Calhoun County Emergency Management

20859 Central Ave # G40
Blountstown, FL 32424
(850) 674-8075
<http://calhounflorida.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/CalcoEM>

Citrus County Emergency Management

3549 Saunders Way
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 249-2738
<http://www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency-management.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/sheriffcitrus>
<https://twitter.com/sheriffcitrus>

Columbia County Emergency Management

263 NW Lake City Avenue
Lake City, FL 32056
(386) 758- 1383
<http://em.columbiacountyfla.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaCountyEOC>

Dixie County Emergency Management

17600 SE Highway US 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-1240 ext. 231
<http://www.dixieemergency.com>
https://twitter.com/Dixie_EM
<https://www.facebook.com/Dixie-County-Emergency-Services-960873360636688>

Escambia County Emergency Management

6575 North W Street
Pensacola, FL 32505
(850) 471-6409
<https://www.myescambia.com/our-services/public-safety/beready>
<https://twitter.com/bereadyescambia>
<https://www.facebook.com/bereadyec>

Franklin County Emergency Management

28 Airport Road
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850) 653-8977
<http://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinEOC>

Gadsden County Emergency Management

339 E Jefferson Street

Quincy, FL 32351

(850) 627-9233

http://gadsdensheriff.org/emergency_mgmt.html

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Gadsden-County-Sheriffs-Office>

<https://twitter.com/gadsdensheriff>

Gilchrist County Emergency Management

3250 North US Highway 129

Bell, FL 32619

(386) 935-5400

<https://gilchrist.fl.us/gilchrist-county-fire-rescue-emergency-information>

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

<https://twitter.com/GilchristDEM>

Gulf County Emergency Management

1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Boulevard

Port St. Joe, FL 32456

(850) 229-9110

http://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/county_government/emergency_management

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

Hamilton County Emergency Management

1133 US Highway 41 NW

Jasper, FL 32052

(386) 792-6647

<http://www.hamcoem.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-County-Sheriffs-Office-Division-of-Emergency-Management-896743093756212>

Hernando County Emergency Management

18900 Cortez Boulevard

Brooksville, FL 34601

(352) 754-4083

<https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management>

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

<https://twitter.com/HernandoCoGov>

Hillsborough County Emergency Management

9450 E Columbus Drive

Tampa, FL 33619

(813) 272-6600

<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management>

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

<https://twitter.com/HillsboroughFL>

Holmes County Emergency Management

1001 East Highway 90

Bonifay, FL 32425

(850) 547-1112

<https://holmescountym.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/Holmes-County-Emergency-Management>

Jackson County Emergency Management

2819 Panhandle Road

Marianna, FL 32446

(850) 718-0007

<http://www.jacksoncountyfl.net/emergency-management>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-County-Emergency-Management>

Jefferson County Emergency Management

169 Industrial Park Boulevard

Monticello, FL 32344

(850) 342-0211

<https://www.jcso-fl.org/eoc-office>

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

Lafayette County Emergency Management

194 SW Virginia Circle

Mayo, FL 32066

(386) 294-1950

<http://www.lafayetteso.org/emergency-management.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lafayette-County-Emergency-Management>

Leon County Emergency Management

911 A Easterwood Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32311

(850) 606-3700

<http://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/ei>

<https://twitter.com/leoncounty>

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

Levy County Emergency Management

7911 NE 90th Street

Bronson, FL 32621

(352) 486-5213

<https://levydisaster.com>

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

Liberty County Emergency Management

10979 NW Spring Street

Bristol, FL 32321

(850) 643-3477

<http://libertycountyfl.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Liberty-County-Emergency-Management>

Madison County Emergency Management

1083 SW Harvey Greene Drive

Madison, FL 32340

(850) 973-3698

<http://www.madisoncountyfl.com/cd-emergency-management.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/Madison-County-Emergency-Management>

Manatee County Emergency Management

2101 47th Terrace East

Bradenton, FL 34206

(941) 749-3500

https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety

<https://twitter.com/MCGPublicSafety>

Okaloosa County Emergency Management

90 College Boulevard East

Niceville, FL 32578

(850) 651-7150

<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/ps/emergency-management>

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

<https://twitter.com/OKALOOSAEOC>

Pasco County Emergency Management

8744 Government Drive

New Port Richey, FL 34654

(813) 929-2750

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management>

https://twitter.com/pasco_fl_oem

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pasco-County-Emergency-Management>

Pinellas County Emergency Management

10750 Ulmerton Boulevard

Largo, FL 33778

(727) 464-5550

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency>

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

<https://mobile.twitter.com/pinellasem>

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management

4499 Pine Forest Road

Milton, FL 32583

(850) 983-5360

<https://www.santarosa.fl.gov/205/Emergency-Information-Preparedness>

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

<https://twitter.com/SRCBOCC>

Suwannee County Emergency Management

617 Ontario Avenue SW

Live Oak, FL 32064

(386) 364-3405

<https://www.suwanneecountysheriff.org/emergency-management-emergency-operations-center-eoc>

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

Taylor County Emergency Management

591 East US Highway 27

Perry, FL 32347

(850) 838-3575

<http://www.taylorcountyem.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Taylor-County-Sheriffs-Office-Division-of-Emergency-Management>

<https://twitter.com/tacoeoc>

Union County Emergency Management

58 Northwest 1st Street

Lake Butler, FL 32054

(386) 496-4300

<http://www.unionsheriff.us>

<http://www.facebook.com/unionsheriff>

Wakulla County Emergency Management

15 Oak Street

Crawfordville, FL 32327

(850) 745-7260

<http://www.wcso.org>

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

<https://twitter.com/WakullaSheriff>

Walton County Emergency Management

63 Bo Pete Manor Road
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
(850) 892-8065

<https://www.co.walton.fl.us/1063/Emergency-Management>

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

<https://twitter.com/waltoncountyem>

Washington County Emergency Management

2300 Pioneer Road
Chipley, FL 32428
(850) 638-6203

<http://www.washingtonfl.com/?DivisionID=21213&DepartmentID=25361>

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

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Northwest Florida Region

222 North Baylen Street
Pensacola, FL 32502
(850) 763.6687

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/about-us/locations/northwest-florida.html>

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

<https://twitter.com/redcrossnorthfl>

The Northwest Florida Chapter serves Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties.

American Red Cross of Central Florida

3310 W Main Street
Tampa, FL 33607
(877) 741-1444

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/central-florida/about-us/locations/tampa-bay.html>

<https://twitter.com/redcrosscf>

The American Red Cross of Tampa Bay serves Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

American Red Cross Southwest Florida

2001 Cantu Court
Sarasota, FL 34232
(877) 741-1444

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/central-florida/about-us/locations/southwest-florida.html>

<https://twitter.com/sflredcross>

The American Red Cross of Southwest Florida serves Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

American Red Cross of Capital Area

1115 Easterwood Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32311

(850) 878-6080

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/about-us/locations/capital-area.html>

<https://twitter.com/tallyredcross>

The Capital Area Chapter serves Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Wakulla counties.

Open Shelters:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Alachua County:

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

159 North 3rd Street

Gainesville, FL 32601

Baker County:

Macclenny Elementary School

1 Wild Kitten Drive

Macclenny, FL 32063

Bay County:

Rutherford High School

1000 School Avenue

Panama City, FL 32401

Northside Elementary School

2001 Northside Drive

Panama City, FL 32405

Columbia County:

Westside Community Center

431 SW Birley Avenue

Lake City, FL 32024

Dixie County:

Dixie County High School
17924 SE US-19
Cross City, FL 32628

Merritt Brown Middle School
5044 Merritt Brown Way
Panama City, FL 32404

Escambia County:

Molino Park Elementary School
899 Highway 97
Molino, FL 32577

Bay Center
201 East Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Gulf County:

Honeyville Community Center
240 Honeyville Park Drive
Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Holmes County:

New Hope Fire Station
1243 Highway 179A
Westville, FL 32464

Jackson County:

Marianna High School
3546 Caverns Road
Marianna, FL 32448

Liberty County:

W.R. Tollar K-8 School
14745 Hwy 12 S
Bristol, FL 32321

Okaloosa County:

Davidson Middle School
6261 Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL 32536

Raider Arena
Northwest Florida State College
100 College Boulevard
Niceville, FL 32578

Palm Beach County:

Citrus High School
600 West Highland Boulevard
Inverness, FL 34452

Santa Rosa County:

Milton Community Center
5629 Byrom Street
Milton, FL 32570

Walton County:

Walton High School
449 Walton Road
Defuniak Springs, FL 32433

Washington County:

WAVE School
934 Tiger Loop
Chipley, FL 32428

Florida Department of Transportation

605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 414-4100

<http://www.fdot.gov>

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

Current Road Closures:

<https://fl511.com>

Calhoun County:

Trammel Bridge over the Apalachicola River on SR 20

Gadsden County:

I-10 Westbound

Gulf County

US-98 (SR 30-A) is closed from West Rutherford Street to Cape San Blas Road
SR 30-E

Levy County:

SR-24 Westbound

Okaloosa County

Shalimar Drive at Plew Intersection

Santa Rosa County

399 is closed between Navarre Beach and Pensacola Beach

Wakulla County

SR-363 is closed from St. Marks City Hall to the St. Marks Peter.

Florida 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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

Florida United Way 2-1-1

5500 Rio Vista Drive

Clearwater, FL 33760

2-1-1 or (727) 210-4211

<http://211connects.org/community-reports>

<https://twitter.com/211tbc>

<https://www.facebook.com/211tbc>

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.

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.*”

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

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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, 866-342-6892, 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>

State of Alabama Disaster Resources – Hurricane Michael Update October 11, 2018

Alabama Office of the Governor Kay Ivey

600 Dexter Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36130

(334) 242-7100

<https://governor.alabama.gov>

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

<https://twitter.com/GovernorKayIvey>

October 8, 2018

Governor Kay Ivey issued a statewide State of Emergency on Monday in anticipation of wide-spread power outages, wind damage and debris produced by high winds and heavy rain associated with Hurricane Michael. Flash flooding and tornadoes are also possible with any hurricane and parts of Alabama have been placed under tropical storm watches or warnings. The State of Emergency went into effect at 3:00 pm CT.

“Alabama is once again in the path of a hurricane, but I know Alabamians will once again come together and be prepared for whatever Michael may bring,” Governor Ivey said. “On the state level we are prepared, now is the time for residents in south Alabama to review your emergency preparedness plans and also get prepared. Tomorrow we will start seeing the effects of Michael and those in its path will need to take shelter by tomorrow evening. Please stay weather aware today and tomorrow for any forecast changes. Most importantly, heed all warnings and instructions from local authorities.”

Governor Ivey, along with Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director, Brian Hastings, will continue to monitor the track of Hurricane Michael. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor Ivey is directing the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan. Governor Ivey is also directing the appropriate state agencies to exercise their statutory authority to assist the communities and entities affected by the storm. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is also authorized to make appropriate assessments of damages following the storm.

“Hurricane Michael is forecast to become a major hurricane and it will produce wide-spread power outages and debris that will challenge our response and recovery in the southern and Wiregrass counties. Alabamians should always be prepared, but everyone needs to make final preparations now to be ready for Hurricane Michael,” Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Hastings said. “I am concerned about the cone of uncertainty as Hurricane Michael is leaning west today. Residents and businesses in coastal Alabama must be vigilant and closely monitor the storm’s path and be prepared for a major hurricane.”

You can text “ALALERT” to 888777 to receive information for Hurricane Michael from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Suggestions on how to prepare for a hurricane can be found at www.ema.alabama.gov and on Twitter by following [@AlabamaEMA](https://twitter.com/AlabamaEMA). Preparedness information can also be found at www.readyalabama.gov or by following Ready Alabama on Twitter at [@readyalabama](https://twitter.com/readyalabama).

Alabama Emergency Management Agency

5898 County Road 41

Clanton, AL 35046

(205) 280-2200

<https://ema.alabama.gov>

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

<https://twitter.com/AlabamaEMA>

<https://www.readyalabama.gov>

American Red Cross

South Alabama Chapter

35 North Sage Avenue

Mobile, AL 36607

(251) 544- 6110

<https://www.redcross.org/local/alabama/about-us/locations/south-alabama.html>

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

Open Shelters:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Baldwin County:

Baldwin County Coliseum

19477 Fairground Road

Robertsdale, AL 36567

Butler County:

First Baptist Church Georgiana

411 Meeting Avenue

Georgiana, AL 36033

First Baptist Church of Greenville

212 Ft Dale Road

Greenville, AL 36037

Crenshaw County:

Luverne United Methodist Church

88 First Street

Luverne, AL 36049

Luverne First Baptist Church
25 East 3rd Street
Patsburg, AL 36049

Word of Faith Church
122 Wyatt Street
Brantley, AL 36009

Houston County:

Wiregrass Church
900 West Main Street
Dothan, AL 36301

Montgomery County:

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
6610 Vaughn Road
Montgomery, AL 36116

Russell County:

Roy Martin Recreation Center
1100 Airport Road
Phenix City, AL 36867

Alabama Department of Transportation

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Alabama-Department-of-Transportation>

<https://twitter.com/algotraffic>

There are no road closures at this time due to hurricane-related weather conditions.

<https://algotraffic.com>

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Alabama United Way 2-1-1
8 Commerce Street, Suite 1140
Montgomery, AL 36104
2-1-1 or (888) 421-1266

<http://www.211connectsalabama.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/unitedwaysofalabama>
<https://twitter.com/UnitedWaysAL>

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**State of Georgia Disaster Resources – Hurricane Michael
October 10, 2018**

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Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
(404) 656-1776
<https://gov.georgia.gov>

October 9, 2018

Based on the latest forecast for Hurricane Michael and acting on a recommendation from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) officials, Gov. Nathan Deal today issued an emergency declaration for 92 Georgia counties. The emergency declaration is effective for seven days and makes all state resources available to local governments and entities within the impacted area of the hurricane.

“The state is mobilizing all available resources to ensure public safety ahead of Hurricane Michael,” said Deal. “In light of the storm’s forecasted track, I encourage Georgians in the affected counties to be prepared and remain vigilant. We will continue to monitor Hurricane Michael’s path and GEMA/HS is leading our preparedness efforts. We are also working with federal, state and local officials to provide public shelter and accommodate those evacuating from other states. I ask all Georgians to join me in praying for the safety of our people and all those in the path of Hurricane Michael.”

The 92 counties under emergency declaration are: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Grady, Hancock, Houston, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, Macon, Marion, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Muscogee, Peach, Pierce, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Schley, Screven, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Upson, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson and Worth counties.

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

935 East Confederate Avenue, SE

Atlanta, GA 30316

(404) 624-2262

<http://www.gema.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://ready.ga.gov>

Here are immediate steps you can take to ensure you, your family and friends are ready for whatever weather comes our way. Follow the tips below and visit the Ready Georgia website to begin your planning now.

Make a Communications Plan

If your family isn't together when a disaster strikes you should know how to reach each other and where to meet up in an emergency. Remember that when phone lines get busy, texting is often more effective than calling.

Finalize Your Ready Kit

Put together a Ready Kit that includes the supplies you and your family would need for three days. Some items to include are sufficient water, non-perishable food, medications, important documents and any other essential items. Once you've gathered all the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, seniors or family members with special needs.

Stay informed

Advance warning is the most powerful preparedness tool for severe weather. To view the most current weather information, visit the National Hurricane Center. Every family should have multiple methods for receiving severe weather alerts, including at least one with an audible alert to wake you in the middle of the night if necessary. In addition, pay attention local media for updates and heed all guidance from local officials.

American Red Cross of Georgia

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

The American Red Cross of Georgia serves 10 million people through a network of 9 chapters: Augusta Area, Central Midwest Georgia, Metropolitan Atlanta (regional

headquarters), Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia, South Georgia, Southeast & Coastal Georgia, Southwest Georgia and West Central Georgia.

Open Shelters:

There are no open shelters at this time.

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Georgia Department of Transportation

One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 631-1990

<http://www.dot.ga.gov>

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane>

There are currently no road closures due to the hurricane.

Georgia DOT is preparing on a statewide level in partnership with the Governor's Office, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service and state and local officials. The traveling public's safety is a top priority as Georgia DOT readies for tropical storm weather conditions. Maintaining the roads and bridges are essential before, during and after the storm.

Motorists traveling on interstates and state routes should be wary of the possibility of falling trees due to high winds. GDOT is actively engaged in the removal of trees and overgrown brush along state rights-of-way in an effort to mitigate the possibility of falling trees across roadways, a particular danger during hurricanes and tropical storms.

Motorists should strongly consider using alternate routes besides interstate highways. Often during evacuations, interstates are heavily congested while state routes go largely unused. State routes are a viable alternative to interstates. Consult 511, state maps and wayfinding apps to determine the best, least congested route to ensure your safe evacuation

Those evacuating from Florida and South Georgia should consider heading west out of the storm's path. Heading north into Georgia is not the only option.

Due to storm evacuation, the decision to suspend all construction work that negatively affects travel on the Interstates and all evacuation routes within the Districts listed below was made. The suspension on all construction work will remain in place until 7 p.m. Friday.

In the event that flooding occurs, crews will have to wait until water recedes to assess the situation. If motorists see flash flooding, trees down or other obstructions on roadways or bridges impeding travel, they are urged to contact 511 and speak with an operator to report the incidents.

Motorists are reminded of the hazards of being on the roads during inclement weather that potentially includes high winds, flash flooding, the possibility of downed trees and possible road and bridge closures. If significant flooding occurs, the public is advised not to drive around barricades that are in place for motorist's safety and to treat non-

operational signals as a four-way stop. Additionally, the public should monitor local radio and TV stations for the latest details on weather conditions and possible evacuations.

Georgia 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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

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<http://www.211.org>

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United Way of Greater Atlanta

(404) 527-7200

<https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org>

United Way of Northeast Georgia

(706) 543-5254

<http://www.referweb.net/uwng>

United Way-Northwest Georgia

(706) 226-4357

<https://www.ourunitedway.org>

United Way-Central Georgia

(478) 745-4732

<https://www.unitedwaycg.org/2-1-1>

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley

Columbus, GA

(706) 327-3255

<http://www.211uwcva.org>

United Way of the CSRA

(706) 724-5544

<http://www.211csra.org>

United Way-Hall County

(770) 536-1121

<http://www.unitedwayhallcounty.org>

United Way of the Coastal Empire
Savannah, GA
(912) 651-7700
<http://www.referweb.net/uwce>

United Way-Rome & Floyd County
Rome, GA
(706) 291-9336
<https://uwrome.org/get-help>

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.

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.*”

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, 866-342-6892, 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>