

Nevada Severe Weather

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[Joe Lombardo, Governor of Nevada \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov)

Recent press release related to Nevada Severe Weather:

“Governor Lombardo Issues Weather Update, Cautions Nevadans Amid Continued Storms CARSON CITY, NV – March 14, 2023

This afternoon, Governor Joe Lombardo issued an update on the state response to the severe weather that has impacted Nevada.

“As severe weather continues across the state, I want to assure all Nevadans that we are working continuously with state and federal partners to mitigate damage and expedite recovery efforts,” said Governor Joe Lombardo. “I’m grateful for the outstanding efforts of our first responders and for the resiliency of Nevadans throughout the unprecedented storms this winter. I urge all Nevadans to continue to stay safe and remain prepared over the next few days.”

Emergency Declaration

Since Thursday, March 9, parts of northwestern Nevada have continuously experienced severe weather, including flooding, rain, snow, freezing temperatures, ice, and severe windstorms. On Friday, March 10, Governor Lombardo declared a state of emergency in Nevada.

On Saturday, March 11, Governor Lombardo amended his [declaration of emergency](#) to include additional counties impacted by the ongoing severe weather, which included: Carson City, Churchill County, Douglas County, Esmeralda County, Elko County, Eureka County, Humboldt County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Storey County, Washoe County, White Pine County, and the Yomba Shoshone Tribe.

Additional counties and tribal governments have and may continue to declare emergencies as the situations in their communities develop, and the State of Nevada will continue to ensure local officials have access to the resources that are needed.

State Response

Throughout this weather incident, response teams have worked quickly to clear roadways, repair damage, open evacuation centers as needed, and mitigate flooding concerns in impacted areas. The Office of the Governor continues to work alongside local, state, federal, and tribal nations in a collaborative effort to develop response and recovery plans to support ongoing weather conditions.

Ahead of more forecasted rain and snowstorms, the state is continuing with its preparation and response efforts, which include:

Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM)

- *Assisting local jurisdictions and tribal nations with direct information from the National Weather Service (NWS) on current and potential impacts.*
- *Monitoring current and potential future local government resource needs.*
- *Assisting several counties and tribal governments who have declared a state of emergency declaration.*
- *Holding of coordination calls with local government emergency managers to ensure needs are met. The Division operates our state's emergency management and homeland security enterprise under the premise of locally executed, state led, and federally supported: all disasters are local with the state assisting our local partners.*
- *DEM is leading the State Emergency Response Team.*
- *DEM is in constant communication with local, tribal, and federal partners in emergency management, fire service, healthcare, law enforcement, transportation, and other essential personnel to coordinate protective actions and resources needed.*
- *Dissemination of critical information to the media, public, and local partners on preparedness measures, response and recovery resources, informational documents, and situational awareness across the state.*

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

- *NDOT conducting storm preparations such as:*
 - *Inspecting and clearing roadways (snowplows, sand trucks, road safety product, Avalanche/Rockslide clearing and personnel).*
 - *Monitoring roadways, bridges, and other critical infrastructure.*
 - *Road closures.*

Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF)

- *NDF crews are assisting local and tribal partners with needs such as filling sandbags and other resources as needed.*

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

- *Monitoring the needs of local partners and prepared to support as needed.*

Nevada National Guard (NVNG)

- *Personnel and heavy equipment are on standby.*

Nevadans are encouraged to plan for continuous rain which can cause flooding in flood prone areas. If Nevadans are experiencing flooding, they are encouraged to:

- *Find safe shelter right away.*
- *Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!*
- *Remember, just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.*
- *Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.*
- *Depending on the type of flooding:*
 - *Evacuate if told to do so.*
 - *Move to higher ground or a higher floor.*
 - *Stay where you are.*

Steps Nevadans can make before flooding occurs are:

- *Create an [Emergency Communication Plan](#)*
- *Build a [disaster supply kit](#) for all members in your household, including your pets.*
- *Document your belongings and gather important personal documents.*
- *Know the flood risk for your area.*
 - [FEMA's flood map service center.](#)

Nevadans can find more information at dem.nv.gov under Flood Information 2023.”

Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security

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[DEM/HS \(nv.gov\)](https://dem.nv.gov)

[Nevada Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security | Carson City NV | Facebook](#)

[NV Emergency Mgmt \(@NVEmergencyMgmt\) / Twitter](#)

Recent social media post related to Nevada Severe Weather:

March 15, 2023 at 3:20pm - Today Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo, Nevada National Guard Major General Ondra Berry, and Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security Chief David Fogerson toured some of the affected counties to assess the flood damage caused by the latest Atmospheric River Storm. On this tour, they flew over parts of Douglas County, Carson River, Topaz Ranch Estates, and the Walker River. They stopped in Yerington to meet with local emergency managers, the Lyon County Sheriff, and elected officials from several counties to discuss the damages and needs that resulted from this last week's storm.

Through a collaborative effort, state and federal agencies are working together to assist local and tribal partners when storms come through the area and impact the counties and tribes. "Nevada is all about relationships, we always try to keep it locally executed, state-guided, and federally supported," said Chief David Fogerson. Nevada continues to Plan, Prepare, Prevent, and Recover from the impacts the state has seen over the last several months as these storms continue to pass through.

American Red Cross of Southern Nevada

444 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 10
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 791-3311

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[American Red Cross of Nevada - Home](#) | [Facebook](#)

American Red Cross of Northern Nevada

4750 Longley Lane Suite 101
Reno, NV 89502
(775) 856-1000

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Recent social media post related to Severe Nevada Weather:

March 14, 2023 at 7:47pm - UPDATE:

3/15 11:30 a.m.

The shelter in Eureka, Nevada is now open.

3/14 9:00 p.m.

Eureka Co. is requesting #RedCross support to open a shelter at the Old Elementary School in Eureka at 190 Adams Road at 10:00 am Wed, March 15th to support those displaced by potential flooding in the 3rd St. area that is causing evacuations. Will share more info when available. [Eureka County Sheriff's Office](#)
[Nevada Division of Emergency Management](#)

Please visit [Get Help - Disaster Relief & Recovery | Nevada| Red Cross](#) for a list of open shelters.

Nevada Department of Transportation

1263 South Stewart Street

Carson City, NV 89712

[Nevada Department of Transportation | Home \(nv.gov\)](#)

[Nevada Department of Transportation | Facebook](#)

[Nevada 511 \(nvroads.com\)](#)

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>.

Nevada 2-1-1.

Dial 2-1-1 or (866) 535-5654

[Nevada 211 Health and Human Services | Helping Nevadans](#)

For Natural Disasters

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, 866-447-3573, 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>.