



West Virginia Tornado and Severe Storms April 3rd, 2024

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Press Release Statement on 4/2/24:

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Justice has declared a **State of Emergency** for Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Nicholas Counties today due to severe thunderstorms with high winds, which caused flooding, downed trees, power outages, and road blockages.

The declaration is a proactive measure ensuring the allocation of necessary resources and expedition of emergency response efforts. The State of Emergency allows State and Local agencies to take swift and decisive actions to mitigate the impact of the storms and protect the lives and property of West Virginians.

The National Weather Service also predicts another storm event in the same region beginning this afternoon.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and have various ways to receive emergency alerts. Monitor official emergency management and local media accounts for updates.

*Gov. Justice issued a **State of Preparedness** for all 55 counties earlier today, which is still in effect.*

Important links:

[WV 511 - Road Conditions and Cameras](#)

[Non-Emergency Assistance Phone Numbers](#)

[National Weather Service Charleston](#)

[National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington \(Eastern Panhandle\)](#)

[National Weather Service Blacksburg \(Southeast WV\)](#)

[National Weather Service Pittsburgh \(Northern Panhandle\)](#)”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Fayette County Office of Emergency Services
1047 Nick Rahall Greenway
Fayetteville, WV 25840
(304) 574-3590

[Fayette County Office of Emergency Services](#)

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Kanawha County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
407 Virginia Street East
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 357-0101

[Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Kanawha County](#)

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Lincoln County WV Emergency Management/911
911 Marconi Dr
West Hamlin, WV 2557

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[Home | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Central Appalachia Region
Central & Southern West Virginia
113 Lakeview Drive
Charleston, WV 25313
(844) 216-8286

[Central Appalachia Region | American Red Cross](#)
[American Red Cross of Central Appalachia Region | Charleston WV | Facebook](#)
[Red Cross Twitter](#)

Please see the following link for the most updated information on available shelters: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Open Shelters:

Dunbar City Hall
210 12th St
Dunbar, WV 25064
Kanawha County

Department of Transportation

West Virginia Department of Transportation
Building 5
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25305
(800) 642-9292

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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 [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

WV 2-1-1

Call 211 or (833) 848-9905
Text your zip code to 898211 898-211
[West Virginia 211 \(wv211.org\)](#)



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](https://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: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | 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: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

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>.