



# Hardee County Resources

Apply for Disaster Assistance Now



FEMA | DISASTER ASSISTANCE

1-800-621-3362 DisasterAssistance.gov

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

**Please have the following available:**

- Address & condition of damaged home
- Insurance info. & social security number
- Phone number, address, email for notifications

**Direct Deposit:** Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account (provide your bank type, account & routing number).

**Stay in touch with FEMA:** You will receive a FEMA registration number when you apply. Save this number when you contact FEMA.

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status.

## COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

By completing this form you are not guaranteed assistance. You should still apply with agencies such as the Hardee Help Center, Crisis Cleanup Hotline, American Red Cross, FEMA, etc.

Submit Online at: RecoverHardee.com

Submit in Person at: Hardee Help Center

1330 US Hwy 17 South, Wauchula, FL 33873

9AM - 5PM

## CLEANUP ASSISTANCE

All services are free but not guaranteed due to overwhelming need: trees, tarps, debris, muck out and more.

Hotline open until November 1, 2024

Apply by phone: 844-965-1386

Apply in Person at Hardee Help Center

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## OPERATION BLUE ROOF

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has opened Operation Blue Roof in Hardee County through Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

This program is a free service for homeowners and permanently occupied rental properties, providing fiber-reinforced, industrial strength sheeting to protect storm-damaged roofs until homeowners can make permanent repairs. Residents impacted by Hurricane Milton can sign up for this no-cost service by visiting [bluroof.gov](http://bluroof.gov) or calling 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258).

## OTHER ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

- Supplies (tarps, food, water, diapers, etc)
- Shelter & Temporary Housing (for displaced persons)
- Financial Assistance

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## PHONES, COMPUTERS & INTERNET ACCESS

Hardee Help Center

1330 US Hwy 17 South Wauchula, FL 33873

Career Source Heartland

324 6th Ave. N., Wauchula, FL 33873

Mon-Fri. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday & Fridays 9AM at Cutting Edge Ministries

3059 Elm Street, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

**SNAP** recipients who lost food due to Hurricane Milton are asked to apply for replacement benefits at [www.myflfamilies.com/milton](http://www.myflfamilies.com/milton) by October 23, 2024.

## DSNAP Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Pre-Registration begins November 11, 2024

Phone applications begin Nov. 12th through Nov. 15, 2024.

Onsite applications begin Nov. 16th through Dec. 15, 2024.

(Location to be announced)

**UNITED WAY 2-1-1** Individuals can call 2-1-1 if they are looking for a resource in Hardee County and in all other counties.

**LOCAL RELIEF:** Download "Local Relief" App for resources



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## Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

DUA is available for weeks of unemployment beginning October 6, 2024, through April 12, 2025, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster in the designated-disaster areas. The deadline to submit a claim for DUA benefits is no later than December 10, 2024.

To file a claim, go to [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org) and select "File a Claim", visit a local CareerSource Career Center, or call 1-800-385-3920. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For DUA claims information, call 1-833-FL-APPLY (1-833-352-7759) to speak with a representative.

## VOLUNTEERS

Check-in Mon-Sat at SendMeMissions 9AM-5PM  
215 W Orange Street, Wauchula, FL 33873

## NON PROFITS & ESF15 PARTNERS

If you have an unmet need contact:  
[smm@sendmemissions.com](mailto:smm@sendmemissions.com)

## LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP (LTRG)

Disaster Case Managers will be available soon!  
Recover Hardee [info@recoverhardee.com](mailto:info@recoverhardee.com)

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- [facebook.com/CuttingEdgeFoodMinistries](https://facebook.com/CuttingEdgeFoodMinistries)
- [facebook.com/UnitedWayofCentralFlorida](https://facebook.com/UnitedWayofCentralFlorida)

**DAMAGE REPORTING** Assist us in the disaster response and help us collect damage assessments at <https://hardeepa.com>

**STORM DEBRIS PICK-UP** It is the property owners' responsibility to bring the debris to the curb and properly separate it into these categories and place the piles in the right-of-way, off the road, not on private property: vegetation, construction debris, household garbage, large appliances, electronics

**LEGAL SERVICES** Florida Rural Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance. visit [www.frls.org](http://www.frls.org) or call 888-582-3410

**UNITED POLICYHOLDERS** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to be a trustworthy and useful information resource and a respected voice for consumers of all types of insurance across the United States. We don't sell insurance or take money from insurance companies. <https://uphelp.org/>

**INSURANCE HELP** Florida Division of Consumer Services assists insurance consumers after a disaster. **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING.** Scam artists are out there trying to deceive Floridians. Talk **DIRECTLY** to your insurance company first. If you need help with your insurance company: Visit [PrepareFL.com](http://PrepareFL.com)  
Call Insurance Consumer Helpline 877-693-5236 (8AM - 5PM)

**PRICE GOUGING** Florida's price gouging law applies to items and services essential to getting ready for or recovering from a storm within the areas of a declared state of emergency. State Price Gouging Hotline: 1-866-966-7226  
Visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com)