



Hardee County Resources

Apply for Disaster Assistance Now



FEMA 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

STAY IN TOUCH WITH FEMA: You will receive a FEMA registration number when you apply. Save this number when you contact FEMA. Do NOT spend your FEMA money on anything other than the approved items by FEMA.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

Beginning Tuesday, November 5th, 9:00am-6:00pm, 7 days a week

231 Wilbur C. King Blvd. Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

(located in Pioneer Park at the Rec Hall Building off State Road 64)

Survivors of Hurricane Milton are not required to visit a center and are encouraged to apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by downloading the FEMA app. FEMA does not distribute cash at Disaster Recovery Centers.

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, language, 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

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

Hotline open until **November 8, 2024**

Apply by phone: 844-965-1386

Apply in Person at Hardee Help Center

1330 US Hwy 17 South, Wauchula, FL 33873

OPERATION BLUE ROOF The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has opened Operation Blue Roof in Hardee County through **November 14, 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 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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D-SNAP Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/DSNAP>

888-348-0408

HARDEE COUNTY DEADLINES

- Required Pre-Registration: Mon, November 11 – Friday, November 15
- Pre-Registration assistance available first come, first serve only on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Hardee Help Center 1330 US Hwy 17 S, Wauchula, FL 33873 8:30am - 12pm // 1:00 pm - 3:30pm // 4:30 pm - 6:00pm Must bring Picture ID, proof of current residence, names, date of birth, and SSN # of people residing in the home. US Citizenship is not required.
- Phone Applications: Tues, November 12 – Fri, November 15
- Onsite locations will be announced as they open.

SNAP replacement benefits ended October 23, 2024.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday & Fridays 9AM at Cutting Edge Ministries

3059 Elm Street, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

Information subject to change. Use the QR code at the top to get the most updated information. (11/4/24)



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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 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.

UNITED WAY 2-1-1 Individuals can call 2-1-1 if looking for a resource in Hardee County or in all other counties nationwide.

VOLUNTEERS

Check-in Mon-Fri at SendMeMissions 9AM-2PM
215 W Orange Street, Wauchula, FL 33873

NON-PROFITS & ESF15 PARTNERS

If you have an unmet need contact:
smm@sendmemissions.com

LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP (LTRG)

Assistance with FEMA appeals and disaster case management will be available soon!
Recover Hardee info@recoverhardee.com

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

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 categories and place the piles in the right-of-way, off the road, not on private property.

LEGAL SERVICES Florida Rural Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance. visit 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
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

FREE READING GLASSES & SUNGLASSES

<https://www.zennioptical.com/hurricane-glasses-donation>

LOCAL RELIEF: Download "Local Relief" App for resources



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