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FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

DisasterAssistance.gov provides survivors with support, services, and means to access and apply for disaster assistance. Visit https://www.disasterassistance.gov for more information.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

FEMA provides up-to-date resources and information on current emergencies, federal response, and how to apply for aid. FEMA help numbers: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362); hearing or speech impaired 1-800-462-7585. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week (Eastern Time). Visit https://www.fema.gov/ for more information.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

If you do not receive your regularly scheduled payment from Social Security as a result of a natural disaster, you can go to any open Social Security office and request an immediate payment. To find the nearest Social Security office, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). For a list of services and/or to apply for benefits, visit www.ssa.gov/onlineservices for more information.

READY.GOV

Ready.gov is an official website of the Department of Homeland Security. It provides information about emergency preparedness for events such as severe weather (hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, wildfires, etc.) and power outages. It also provides information how individuals can take action to increase the support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Visit https://www.ready.gov/ for more information.

USA.GOV

USA.gov provides hotline numbers, information on health and safety, assistance, and volunteer opportunities. Visit https://www.usa.gov/disasters-and-emergencies for more information.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Natural Disasters and Severe Weather page provides information such as health and safety concerns for all disasters, evacuation centers, information for disaster evacuees and people with chronic conditions and disabilities to include information on emergency preparedness. Visit https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/index.html for more information.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Emergency page provides emergency response and recovery information for people with Medicare and Medicaid. Visit https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/index.html for more information.
- The **Public Health Emergency** page provides information and active public health response to events such as oil or chemical spills, natural disasters, and influenza and outbreaks. Visit https://www.phe.gov/emergency/Pages/default.aspx for more information.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)

- The Hurricane Recovery Assistance provides recovery efforts in communities affected by hurricanes. Support includes workplace safety, income, and job assistance. Visit https://www.dol.gov/general/hurricane-recovery for more information.
- The **Toll-Free Helpline** provides information to anyone with questions relating to DOL's benefits and services including those who have lost jobs or businesses as the result of a natural disaster. For more information, call 1-866-4-USA-DOL (487-2365).
- The CareerOneStop's Disaster Recovery Assistance provides access to a range of employment and other resources for individuals and businesses impacted by floods and other disasters. Visit https://www.careeronestop.org/disasterrecoveryservices for more information.
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers information on preparedness, recovery and response, and employer responsibilities in the wake of a hurricane. Visit https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/hurricane/index.html for more information.