



WHAT TO DO AFTER A DISASTER.

Insurance
File a claim for your home and flood insurance as soon as possible.



If it is safe, check on your neighbors.



Call 911 if you or your neighbors need rescue.



Donate your time or money to support survivors.

Hurricane Michael affected many people along the gulf coast of Florida. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided the following information to assist those who have been directly affected by the hurricane.

- ▶ **Keep yourself and your family safe.** Return home only if you are told it is safe by local officials. As you clear debris please look carefully around the debris for any visible cables. If you see any cables, wait for professional help. Power cables can kill easily.
- ▶ **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** Register for assistance online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) if you have damages not covered by insurance. Contact the Disaster Distress Helpline by texting TalkWithUs to 66746 or call 1-800-985-5990 (for Spanish, press 2 or text Hablanos to 66746) to speak with a trained crisis counselor.
- ▶ **Practice food and water safety.** Throw out all food left in refrigerators or that came in contact with flood waters. Drinking water may be contaminated so check to see if a boil water order is in effect for your area.
- ▶ **Clean up safely.** Return home only if you are told it is safe.
- ▶ **Get started on your recovery.** If you have insurance, and it's safe to return home, call your insurance company to file a claim. Take photos and videos of all damages before you start cleaning up.
- ▶ **Send money, not stuff.** Cash can be used immediately in response to a crisis. A financial contribution to a recognized disaster relief organization is the most effective donation to make.

**If you are in need of support, your EAP can help.
Call your Care Coordinator at 800-245-1150.**

Open Shelters

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status>

Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery

- ▶ <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane>
- ▶ <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4068/updates/hurricane-safety-tips-learn-what-do-during-and-after-hurricane>
- ▶ <https://www.nationwide.com/hurricanes.jsp>
- ▶ <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- ▶ http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hurricane/resources/hurricane-safety_flyer.pdf
- ▶ <https://weather.com/storms/report-recover>
- ▶ <http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/27/us/hurricane-preparation/index.html>
- ▶ <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.html>
- ▶ <http://hurricanesafety.org/prepare/hurricane-safety-checklists>
- ▶ https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDFs/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/Disaster_Preparedness/Disaster_Preparedness_for_Srs-English.revised_7-09.pdf
- ▶ <https://www.aplaceformom.com/planning-and-advice/articles/hurricane-preparedness>
- ▶ <https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/in-a-disaster>

Google Crisis Map

<https://google.org/crisismap/2018-michael>

NOAA – National Hurricane Center

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

Road Closures and Evacuations

For information about road closures you may dial 511 or obtain information online at <https://fl511.com>.

Local Red Cross Locator

<http://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter>

Red Cross Smartphone Apps

Apps will update people on current flooding situation and provide information on safety during a disaster.

- ▶ <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cube.arc.fa&hl=en>
- ▶ <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/first-aid-by-american-red/id529160691?mt=8>

United Way 2-1-1

2-1-1 Northwest Florida

<http://211nwfl.org>

2-1-1 is an easy to remember phone number that connects callers to information and services in times of need. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Please call if you are seeking resources such as clothing, food or programs for your family.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

500 C Street Southwest

Washington, DC 20472

800-621-FEMA

<https://www.fema.gov>

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FEMA Text Message Program

To locate an open emergency shelter, text SHELTER and a Zip Code to 43362 (4FEMA).

To locate an open Disaster Recovery Center, text DRC and a Zip Code to 43362 (4FEMA).

Please note that standard message and data rates apply.

Florida Division of Emergency Management

▶ <https://www.floridadisaster.org>

▶ <https://twitter.com/FLSERT>

Local Salvation Army Locator

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

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<https://www.airbnb.com/disaster-response>

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- ▶ <http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/27/us/hurricane-preparation/index.html>
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