



# 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 DRC CLOSURES**

**January 4, 2025**

**FEMA DEADLINE**

**January 7, 2025**

## FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

Open Monday - Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm

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](https://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.

### DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

If you need assistance with FEMA appeals and disaster case management for Hurricane Ian or Milton, register online at: [www.recoverhardee.com](http://www.recoverhardee.com)

### AMERICAN RED CROSS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Application Deadline: **December 20, 2024**

Damage-based financial assistance is available to households whose homes have sustained major damage or have been destroyed by Hurricane Milton. All Red Cross services, including financial assistance, are available to whoever needs it, regardless of nationality, race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. The Red Cross is a charity, not a government agency, and people do not need to be American citizens to receive their assistance.

**To Apply Call: 800-733-2767**

**For Assistance Applying: Call/text 863-800-9654**

### REBUILD FLORIDA REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

If you were impacted by Hurricane Milton, you may still be eligible for assistance under the Hurricane Ian Housing Repair and Replacement Program.

To learn more and apply: <https://ian.rebuildflorida.gov/>

**NEW UPDATES!**

**APPLY TODAY!**

### ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

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

Apply in Person at Hardee Help Center

1330 US Hwy 17 South, Wauchula, FL 33873

Front Lobby Hours 8:30AM - 12PM Mon - Thur

Closed to the Public on Fridays

### PHONES, COMPUTERS, & INTERNET ACCESS

Hardee Help Center

1330 US Hwy 17 South Wauchula, FL 33873

Mon-Thur 8:30 am - 12 pm

Career Source Heartland

324 North 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873

Mon-Fri. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm



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## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday & Fridays 9AM at Cutting Edge Ministries  
3059 Elm Street, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

## DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

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.

## FREE READING GLASSES & SUNGLASSES

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

## VOLUNTEERS

Text or Call 863-800-9654

Email: [smm@sendmemissions.com](mailto:smm@sendmemissions.com)

## NON-PROFITS & ESF15 PARTNERS

If you have an unmet need contact:

[smm@sendmemissions.com](mailto:smm@sendmemissions.com)

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

**LEGAL SERVICES** Florida Rural Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance. [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 at:

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)

## LOCAL RELIEF:

Download "Local Relief" App for resources

## HOPE FLORIDA

Call: 833-GET-HOPE

<https://hopeflorida.com/gethelp/hurricanemilton.html>

## 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.

**Crisis Cleanup Hotline** ended November 8, 2024

**SNAP** replacement benefits ended October 23, 2024

**D-SNAP** ended November 24, 2024

**Operation Blue Roof** ended November 14, 2024

**Senior Connection Center** Food Replenishment Gift Card Program & waitlist ended November 12, 2024 @ 1:30pm

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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