

Hurricane Michael Resources

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Florida

Office of the Governor of Florida

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, following Governor Rick Scott’s request, President Donald Trump approved a pre-landfall emergency declaration. This declaration will provide important resources and assistance from the federal government, including personnel, equipment and supplies, as well as making available funding sources for emergency protective measures. The pre-landfall declaration request is for 35 Florida counties – Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwanee, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Citrus, Pasco, Hernando, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Alachua, Union, Bradford and Baker Counties. These important resources will help Florida prepare for anticipated impacts from Hurricane Michael, including the threat posed by the forecasted 12 feet of storm surge.

On October 7th, Governor Scott declared a state of emergency in 26 Florida counties, and expanded it to include 35 counties total on October 8th. To see his Emergency Order, click [HERE](#).

Governor Scott will continue to be in constant communication with state and local emergency management officials and state agency leaders to ensure the state is prepared to respond to the potential devastating impacts from Hurricane Michael.

See below for more information on what the State of Florida is doing to support Hurricane Michael preparedness efforts:

STATE PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

- **Hurricane Warning:**
A hurricane warning is in effect for the Alabama/Florida Border to the Suwannee River.
- **Tropical Storm Warning:**
A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect from the Suwannee River to Chassahowitzka.

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- **Tropical Storm Watch:**
Tropical storm watches are in effect from Suwanee River, Florida, to Anna Maria Island, Florida, including Tampa Bay.
Fernandina Beach Florida to South Santee River South Carolina.
- **Storm Surge Warning**
A storm surge warning is in effect from the Okaloosa/Walton County Line to the Anclote River.
- **Storm Surge Watch**
Anclote River to Anna Maria Island, including Tampa Bay, and Alabama/Florida border to Okaloosa/Walton County Line Florida.

EVACUATIONS

Though the below evacuation orders are current and in effect, everyone should check with their local emergency management office or website for the most up to date information regarding evacuations as they are constantly being updated.

- **Bay County-** Mandatory evacuation orders are now in place for zones A, B, and C. Residents living in these areas should evacuate immediately if they have not already done so.
- **Calhoun County** – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile homes and low lying areas.
- **Dixie County** – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for zone A, mobile homes and low lying areas.
- **Franklin County** – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for ALL NON-RESIDENTS.
- **Gadsden County** – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile homes and low lying areas.
- **Gulf County** – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for the following areas:
 - All Cape San Blas
 - All of Indian Pass Area
 - Simmons Bayou
 - Highland View
 - Windmark
 - In the city of Port St. Joe, all areas from St. Joseph Bay to Long Avenue
 - St. Joe Beach and Beacon Hill – Waterside of Highway 98
 - Those with high profile vehicles, living in mobile homes, low lying areas, or anyone who feels unsafe in their current location

All of these areas must be evacuated within 24 hours of this notice. Critical businesses in those areas may remain open until 12 pm ET Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

A Voluntary Evacuation has been issued for Highway 98 Inland on St. Joe Beach and Beacon Hill.

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- Hernando County – A Voluntary/Phased Evacuation has been issued for coastal zone levels A and B, beginning on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 8 am ET.
- Jackson County – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for mobile homes, manufactured homes and RV Parks.
- Jefferson County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile homes, coastal areas and low lying areas.
- Leon County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile homes and low lying flood prone areas.
- Levy County – A Mandatory Evacuation has been ordered for Levy County residents and visitors in the coastal areas of Levy County. Residents and visitors in these areas should evacuate before 8 pm Tuesday, October 9, 2018. This includes:
 - Cedar Key
 - Yankeetown
 - Fowlers Bluff
 - Fanning Springs
 - Any other area that is prone to storm surge
- Liberty County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile homes, sub standard housing and low lying areas.
- Okaloosa County – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for all properties south of US Highway 98 as well as all low lying and coastal areas.
- Pasco County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for anyone living west of US Highway 19.
- Santa Rosa County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for mobile home parks, campsites, low lying areas and Navarre Beach.
- Taylor County – A Voluntary/Phased evacuation has been issued for low lying areas.
- Wakulla County – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for zone A (coastal low lying areas) and mobile homes. The remainder of Wakulla County will be under a voluntary evacuation order.
- Walton County – A Mandatory Evacuation has been issued for zones A and B.

SHELTERS

- The state is supporting sheltering operations in the Florida Panhandle.
- There are currently 38 shelters reported open and more are being mobilized by the counties.
- Visit <https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status/> to find information on shelters in your area. This site is being updated as shelters open throughout the day.

UTILITIES

- Governor Scott has called on every local government to immediately confirm their mutual aid agreements between investor-owned utilities, municipals and co-ops are in place and effective so there is no delay in power restoration for Floridians. These agreements allow

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municipal utilities to receive aid from investor-owned utilities and co-ops as they work to restore power to customers. Without these agreements in place ahead of time, power restoration will be delayed. To view the full list of Florida utilities with agreements in place, click [HERE](#).

For additional information and updates on the Governor's plan for Hurricane Michael, please visit the governor's website [here](#).

National Weather Service

The National Weather Service provides weather, water, climate data, forecasts, and warnings for the United States. Visit their [website](#) for more information and updates about Hurricane Michael. You may also follow them on Twitter: [here](#)

A life-threatening storm surge from Michael is expected along much of the coast of the Florida Panhandle with peak inundation values occurring within the Big Bend. To view flooding potential in your area, a dynamic map is provided at this link: [here](#)

Locate a loved one:

The American Red Cross Safe and Well website provides a central location for people in disaster areas to register their current status and for their loved ones to access that information. Visit the Safe and Well website [here](#).

Disaster Assistance

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

The Disaster Assistance Improvement Program provides disaster survivors with information, support, services and a means to access and apply for disaster assistance through joint data-sharing efforts between federal, tribal, state, local and private sector partners. Visit the website to:

- Enter your address to determine if your area has been declared for Individual Assistance
- Find assistance
- Apply online for assistance
- Check the status of your application
- Find local resources

Emergency Preparedness – Ready.gov

This organization provides a detailed time line to prepare for a natural disaster including steps to take prior to the approach of a storm system, during the storm, and how to be safe afterwards. For more information on hurricane preparedness, please visit their website [here](#)

FEMA – Florida Division of Emergency Management

- 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
- Tallahassee, FL 32399
- 850-413-9969
- Florida Relay Service: Dial 711 (TDD/TTY)

<http://www.floridadisaster.org>

<https://twitter.com/fema>

The Division of Emergency Management plans for and responds to both natural and man-made disasters. The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) can be reached by dialing 800-342-3557 and provides accurate and up-to-date information regarding an emergency or disaster situation impacting the State of Florida. It is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Visit the website to learn how to sign up for the statewide notification service Alert Florida for emergency alerts and public safety notifications.

If you are in the path of Hurricane Michael, get prepared: stock up on food, water, supplies and medications. Tune in to latest forecasts and follow your local officials on Twitter.

American Red Cross

You may find your local American Red Cross office throughout Northwest Florida - [here](#)

Central Panhandle Office

850-763-6587

NW Florida Office – Pensacola: Visit the website - [here](#)

850-432-7601

- The Red Cross provides families that have been affected by a disaster with emergency services, warm meals, shelter and clothing.
- The American Red Cross is preparing across Alabama, Florida and Georgia in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Michael sometime between late Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning of this week.
- Some of the preparations being made include opening of evacuation centers, movement of relief supplies and activation of response headquarters to prepare and respond to any impacts experienced as a result of this storm.
- One evacuation center was already opened in Florida as of midnight Tuesday, October 9th.

For a list of open Red Cross Shelters throughout the United States, search [here](#)

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Florida 511

Florida 511 provides locally generated reports on traffic conditions on major evacuation routes, road and bridge closures, toll suspensions, and travel alerts in affected counties, cities, roadways and agencies. During an emergency, real-time information on planned routes via the 511 phone call or the app is provided. Request email alerts to be sent by phone. You may visit their website [here](#)

211 Big Bend - Florida

850-617-6323 or 2-1-1

2-1-1 connects callers to health and human services information and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, basic needs, and disaster assistance. Dial 211 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources: [here](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

800-985-5990 or 800-846-8517 (TTY)

SAMHSA provides a Disaster Distress Helpline that is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week for individuals who have been affected by a human or naturally caused disaster. Crisis counseling services are provided by trained counselors and are multi-lingual. For more information, please visit their website [here](#)

Alabama

Office of Governor Kay Ivey

Governor Kay Ivey declares state of emergency for Hurricane Michael. Hurricane Michael could strengthen into a major hurricane with winds topping 111 mph by Tuesday night before an expected strike Wednesday on the Panhandle or Big Bend, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey issued a statewide state of emergency today in preparation for the approach of Hurricane Michael.

The storm is expected to cause wide-spread power outages, high winds and heavy rain in Alabama. Flash floods and tornadoes are possible. Parts of the state are under tropical storm watches or warnings. The state of emergency went into effect at 3 p.m. on Monday, 10/8.

Ivey urged south Alabamians to prepare for the emergency immediately.

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For updates on Hurricane Michael, please visit the Governor's website: [here](#)

Alabama Emergency Management Agency

This agency is in charge of coordinating the emergency activities of all state departments and agencies with local governments, private agencies, organizations, federal agencies and other state governments. These activities include hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery operations. Text "ALALERT" to 888777 to receive information about the storm. You may also visit their website [here](#)

- A Hurricane Warning is in effect for Dale, Henry, Geneva and Houston counties with both a Tropical Storm Warning and Flash Flood Watch near and east of I65 and south of I85.
- Everyone in the Alabama warned area needs to have completed their safety plans by now and stay put in a safe location until Thursday morning. Travel may be very difficult or improbable on Thursday for areas sustaining damage.
- At 4 am, Hurricane Michael was located 140 miles south-southwest of Panama City, with sustained winds of 140 mph. Hurricane force winds extend 45 miles from the center with tropical storm force winds 185 miles from the center. The current forecast is for Michael to have sustained winds of 145 mph with gusts up to 175 mph just before landfall. Landfall will occur around the Panama City area between 1 pm – 4 pm. Category 5 is defined by sustained winds of 157 mph.
- It is expected there will be widespread and significant structural damage, downed trees and power outages across portions of GA, the FL Panhandle, and south AL. Along the coast, between the wind and storm surge, the damage could be catastrophic.
- Tropical storm force winds could reach the southern sections of Alabama by 10 am, with the strongest winds expected between 3 pm and 10 pm. The wind threat should exit the state by 3 am Thursday. The graphic below shows the current peak wind gusts expected across the state.

American Red Cross – Alabama

251-544-6110 – South Alabama Chapter

Serving Baldwin, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties. To find your local Red Cross in Alabama, visit their website: [here](#)

There are currently 5 open shelters in Alabama. For a list of open Red Cross Shelters throughout the United States, search [here](#)

2-1-1 Alabama

888-421-1266 or 2-1-1

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Georgia

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

From the GEMA website: Georgia Governor Nathan Deal has issued a [State of Emergency](#) for 92 counties in advance of Hurricane Michael's landfall.

Evacuation resources

- There are currently no evacuation orders in the state, but we are working diligently to ensure that anyone evacuating into Georgia from our neighboring states has the resources they need.
- Georgia State Parks, including campsites and cottages, are open to evacuees at regular rates, but dry camping and group shelters are available for free during this emergency event. For information about parks, updates and how to rent facilities please visit: [Georgia State Parks Website](#)
- The Atlanta Motor Speedway camping facilities are open for evacuees seeking refuge from the hurricane. More information can be found on the [Atlanta Motor Speedway Website](#) .
- Airbnb has activated their Disaster Response and Relief operation in response to Hurricane Michael. Over 150 members have opened their homes as hosts with no cost to displaced evacuees and relief workers. More information can be found at: [Air bnb](#)

The American Red Cross has opened shelters at the following locations:

- Shirley B. Winston Park, 5025 Steam Mill Rd., Columbus, GA 31907
- South Bibb Recreation Center, 7035 Houston Rd., Macon, GA 31216

For updates on the storm, please visit their website: [here](#)

The Disaster Center – Georgia

This website offers links to federal and state resources for natural disasters, as well as local links to media, maps and weather. You can search for a local forecast by entering "City/State" or "Zip Code". There is a list of County Emergency Management Agencies – click on the link for your county: [here](#)

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Ready.Georgia

Ready.Georgia provides a downloadable updated mobile app for weather alerts. You can also access “Be Informed”, “Make A Plan”, “Build A Kit” and “Get Involved” with regard to natural disasters and community preparedness. It is also possible to search for Emergency Management Agency Contacts in each county by entering an address/zip code to find locations. For more information, visit their website: [here](#)

American Red Cross – Georgia

The American Red Cross of Georgia serves 10 million people through a network of 9 chapters: Augusta Area, Central Midwest Georgia, Metropolitan Atlanta (regional headquarters), Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia, South Georgia, Southeast & Coastal Georgia, Southwest Georgia and West Central Georgia. The Red Cross helps people prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. Find your local Red Cross in Georgia [here](#)

For a list of open Red Cross Shelters throughout the United States, search [here](#).

2-1-1 of Greater Atlanta

404-527-7200 or 2-1-1

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South Carolina

American Red Cross South Carolina Region

Find your local Red Cross in South Carolina [here](#).

The Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross provides vital services to the residents of South Carolina including disaster relief. For a list of open Red Cross Shelters throughout the United States, search [here](#).

211 South Carolina

Dial: **(866)-892-9211 or 2-1-1**

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Visit the United Way Association of South Carolina 211 [here](#)

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South Carolina Department of Transportation

For information on emergency response, road closures and other travel information for South Carolina, you may visit the website [here](#)

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

Columbia, S.C - Governor Henry McMaster today announced that the state of South Carolina remains in a state of emergency due to continued flooding from Hurricane Florence and potential impact from Hurricane Michael. Forecasters believe Hurricane Michael will weaken to a tropical storm and begin affecting the state beginning Thursday.

Residents should take the following safety precautions:

- Have a plan for where you will go if conditions become too unsafe to remain in your home
- Create your emergency plan by visiting scemd.org or downloading the SC Emergency Manager mobile app: <http://onelink.to/dn92rx>.
- Have an emergency kit with items such as: bottled water, non-perishable food and flashlights with extra batteries. Refer to the preparedness checklists in the [2018 S.C. Hurricane Guide](#).

For more information and updates from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, please visit their website: [here](#)

North Carolina

American Red Cross of Eastern North Carolina

Find your local Red Cross in North Carolina [here](#)

The Red Cross of Eastern North Carolina provides vital services to the residents of North Carolina including disaster relief.

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North Carolina 211

Dial: **(888)-892-1162 or 2-1-1**

Visit the United Way of North Carolina 211 [here](#)

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North Carolina Department of Transportation 511

Motorists traveling through North Carolina can call 511 from any telephone for the latest road conditions and other important information, including:

- Traffic incidents, major closures and road construction on interstates, U.S. and state routes in North Carolina
- Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts
- Transfers to neighboring states' 511 systems

Please visit their website [here](#).

North Carolina Emergency Management

To prepare North Carolina for Hurricane Michael, Governor Roy Cooper today declared a State of Emergency and waived certain transportation rules. Forecasters expect the storm to bring strong wind and rain to North Carolina.

Gov. Cooper signed Executive Order No. 74, declaring a State of Emergency for 66 North Carolina counties. The order will be expanded to additional counties if needed. The State of Emergency authorizes the use of state resources to help local governments respond to the storm. It is also a first step in requesting federal or state assistance to individuals and homeowners if needed. In addition, it activates the state law against price gouging, or charging too much during a time of emergency.

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Parts of North Carolina still reeling from Hurricane Florence could see sustained tropical storm force winds from Michael. Winds will be strong enough to bring down trees weakened by Florence and to rip tarps from roofs of Florence-damaged homes.

A list of county emergency offices is located [here](#)

For information on hurricane preparedness in North Carolina, please visit the website [here](#)

This guide provides referrals to resources. It does not endorse or recommend the resource providers. While every effort is made to maintain current provider information, information may change without notice.