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Hurricane Michael (October 2018)

Get more information On Hurricane Michael from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Emergency Info on Hurricane Michael from Florida's Division of Emergency Management

- Evacuation Orders
- Visit an interactive map of Evacuation Zones in Florida
- Open Shelters
- Download the free Florida 511 app to get up to date traffic
- County Emergency Management contacts & websites
- Sign up to receive emergency alerts and other public safety notifications in your community with Alert Florida

Disaster Hotlines

- **Florida Disaster Legal Aid Hotline: 1-866-550-2929**

A legal aid hotline is now available for Hurricane Michael survivors in Florida who cannot pay for an attorney. The hotline operates through a partnership between The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyers Division, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Read the press release.

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The Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 and SMS (text "TalkWithUs" to 66746")

The Disaster Distress Hotline is the first national hotline dedicated to providing year-round disaster crisis counseling. This toll-free, multilingual, crisis support service is available 24/7 via telephone (1-800-985-5990) and SMS (text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746) to residents in the U.S. and its territories who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or man-made disasters.

- **Florida State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) 1-800-342-3557**

SAIL is currently activated and available 24 hours/7 days a week

The Florida State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) is a toll-free hotline activated at the time of an emergency to provide an additional resource for those in Florida to receive accurate and up-to-date information regarding an emergency or disaster situation impacting the State of Florida.

- **United Way 211**
- **Florida Legal Services Disaster Information and Toll-Free Disaster Line 1-888-780-0443**

Are you looking for help?

Need a lawyer or help with a legal issue?

Call the Florida Disaster Legal Aid Hotline at 1-866-550-2929 or visit [Find a Lawyer](#) to find legal aid programs and clinics as well as links to online assistance and lawyer referrals.

SNAP (food stamp) benefits updates:

DCF will replace SNAP benefits at a 40% rate for households currently receiving SNAP in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties.

Households in Hurricane Michael counties can purchase hot food with their SNAP benefits through 10/31.

For more information about SNAP benefits in Hurricane Michael counties, read the announcements in the DCF Newsroom

D-SNAP (disaster food stamp) benefits updates:

DCF has started the federal Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in 12 counties to assist communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. Following DCF's request, the federal government has granted permission to conduct phone applications for those individuals in all 12 counties who may not be able to attend the in-person events. Families in these counties, and those who are displaced as a result of the storm, are strongly encouraged to pre-register and take advantage of the phone application option.

DCF will host D-SNAP events in three phases, based on the order in which they were declared eligible for Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

County	Pre-Registration Window	Phone Application Window	In-Person Application Window
Bay			
Franklin			
Gulf	October 26 - November 4	October 27 - October 30	October 31 - November 4
Taylor			
Wakulla			
Calhoun			
Gadsden	November 1 - 11	November 3 - 5 and November 7	November 7 - 11
Jackson			
Liberty			

Holmes

November 8 - 18

November 10 - 13

November 14 - 18

Washington

Leon

November 8 - 19

November 10 - 13

November 14 - 16 and
November 18-19

For more information about D-SNAP benefits, visit DCF's D-SNAP webpage.

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Getting prescriptions refilled early:

If your health insurance plans covers prescription medications, you can refill your prescription early if:

(1) You have refills left.

(2) You live in a county that:

- Is under a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service;
- Is declared to be under a state of emergency in an executive order issued by the Governor;
or
- Has activated its emergency operations center and its emergency management plan.

(3) The prescription medication refill is requested within 30 days after one of the above happens or is ended.

For more information, read the letter that AHCA sent to health insurers, managed care organizations, and other health entities reminding them that all health entities must allow for early prescription refills in the counties affected by the Governor's Hurricane Michael Emergency Declaration.

Do you have questions about school enrollment following a disaster?

Read Disaster: Educational Rights of Children Displaced or Homeless Due to Disaster written by Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida.

Which courts are open?

Visit the Florida Supreme Court's website for updates.

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