

## Hurricane Ian - Resources

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*“Hurricane Ian made landfall on the southwestern coast of Florida, near Cayo Costa, as a Category 4 storm on Wednesday. At that time, maximum sustained winds were reported at 150 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center. The storm is forecast to emerge over the western Atlantic by late Thursday. Ian is forecast to turn northward on Friday and approach the northeastern Florida coast, Georgia, and South Carolina coasts late Friday.” Via [Fox 35 News](#)*

### National Hurricane Service

For the latest information on the path of Hurricane Ian, please access the National Hurricane Center website [here](#). Updates can also be found on the [National Hurricane Center Twitter](#) page.

#### SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT:

**Hurricane Warnings:** Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Hardee, Desoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, Lake, Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Volusia.

**Hurricane Watches:** Coastal Flagler, St. Johns, Duval, Nassau.

**Tropical Storm Warnings:** Mainland Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Levy, Dixie, Marion, Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, Clay, Duval, coastal Nassau, coastal Taylor, coastal Jefferson, coastal Wakulla, coastal Franklin.

**Tropical Storm Watches:** Inland Nassau, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Gilchrist.

**Storm Surge Warnings:** Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Clay, Putnam, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier.

- Information regarding Watches and Warnings can be found at the following link: [https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/graphics\\_at4.shtml?start#contents](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/graphics_at4.shtml?start#contents)

### **Florida Resources**

#### **Office of the Governor of Florida**

For updated information on press releases from the Governor's office visit the website [here](#).

Governor Ron DeSantis requested President Biden grant a Major Disaster Declaration for all 67 counties, for all categories, and all types of assistance, due to the ongoing devastating impacts of Hurricane Ian. If granted, a Major Disaster Declaration provides a wide range of federal assistance programs for individuals, as well as funds for both emergency and permanent work and public infrastructure. The request can be found [here](#).

#### **Florida Division of Emergency Management**

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, 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.

- FDEM Liaisons have been identified and deployed to counties to provide on-site response assistance and to conduct damage assessments after the storm.
- FDEM is deploying several hundred shelter support staff to address staffing needs in counties that have opened their Special Needs hurricane shelters. Currently, more than 200 public shelters are open and available to impacted residents, with more than 50 of these being Special Needs Shelters.
- For the latest information on Hurricane Ian visit the website [here](#).
- Updates can also be found on the [FL Division of Emergency Management Twitter](#) page.
- You may also register for the statewide emergency response alerts [here](#).

#### **American Red Cross**

The Red Cross provides emergency response services throughout the state of Florida. You can search for local shelters and get updated information on Hurricane Ian, by visiting the chapter websites listed below.

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- **Central Florida**: Florida's Space Coast, Greater Orlando, Mid-Florida, Southwest Florida, and Tampa Bay
- **North Florida**: Northeast Florida, Capital Area and Northwest Florida
- **South Florida**: Palm Beach, Martin, Broward Counties, Southern Gulf, Greater Miami, and the Keys

**Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).

**Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

### **211 Florida**

2-1-1 Florida 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. To find your local 211, visit the website [here](#) and enter your city, county, or zip code.

### **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](#)

### **Florida Department of Education**

The Florida Department of Education works closely with school districts before, during and after natural disasters to ensure they have the resources necessary to resume normal operations as quickly as possible. Please visit the website [here](#) for information on current school closures.

Additional updates can be found on the Florida Department of Education [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

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### **Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)**

DOEA service providers around the state are in progress or have completed check-in and informational calls to their senior clients. Area Agencies on Aging that are expected to be impacted by Hurricane Ian have been distributing shelf-stable meals to their home delivery meal clients. Please call the Elder Helpline at **800-963-5337** for assistance.

## **Georgia Resources**

### **Office of the Governor of Georgia**

Governor Brian P. Kemp urges all Georgians to remain weather alert and to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families. Those directly impacted by the storm's path are encouraged to consult GEMA/HS' [informational website](#).

Explore Georgia and state tourism partners are tracking the storm and updating the [hurricane information webpage](#) regularly with information on lodging and other resources.

For updates from the Governor's office visit the website [here](#).

- Updates and press releases, can also be found on the Governor's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

### **Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**

GEMA/HS is the state's preparedness, response and recover agency. This agency works with public and private sector organizations to prevent and respond to natural and man-made emergencies. For updates on Hurricane Ian's impact to the Georgia Coast, visit the website [here](#).

- Updates can also be found on GEMA/HS [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

### **American Red Cross**

The Red Cross provides emergency response services throughout the state of Georgia. You can search for local shelters and get updated information on Hurricane Ian, by visiting the website [here](#).

**Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).

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**Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

### **211 Georgia**

2-1-1 Coastal Georgia 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. To search for local resources, search the 211 Coastal Georgia website [here](#).

### **Georgia Department of Transportation**

For updates on road closures, evacuation routes, message boards and alerts visit the Georgia DOT website [here](#).

### **School Closures**

For a listing of school closures throughout Georgia, please visit [here](#)

## **South Carolina Resources**

### **Office of Governor of South Carolina**

Governor Henry McMaster has declared a State of Emergency for South Carolina. You may visit the Governor's website [here](#).

### **South Carolina Emergency Management Division**

You may view the South Carolina State Emergency Operations Plan at: [State Emergency Operations Plan](#).

**Shelters:** For up-to-date information on shelter operations, including locations please visit <https://scemd.org/stay-informed/emergency-shelters/>.

**Closings:** For up-to-date information on state government office closures visit <https://scemd.org/closings/>.

Updates are also available on the Emergency Division's website [here](#) and their [Twitter](#) feed.

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### **American Red Cross – Eastern South Carolina**

The Red Cross provides emergency response services throughout the state of South Carolina. You can search for local shelters and get updated information on Hurricane Ian, by visiting the website [here](#).

**Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).

**Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

### **211 South Carolina**

2-1-1 South Carolina 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. To search for local resources, search the 211 South Carolina website [here](#).

### **South Carolina Department of Transportation**

For updates on road closures, evacuation routes, message boards and alerts visit the South Carolina DOT website [here](#).

### **School Closures**

For a listing of school closures throughout South Carolina, please visit [here](#)

## **General Hurricane Resources**

### **Airbnb Open Homes Program**

Airbnb helps individuals effected by a natural disaster by offering free temporary housing to displaced individuals. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- Visit the FEMA website for information [here](#).
- Find open shelters near you by texting SHELTER and your zip code to 4FEMA (43362). Example: Shelter 01234. (Standard text message rates apply.)

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- To Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance
- Online: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>
- Phone: **800-621-3362**, TTY **800-462-7585**
- FEMA tips on how to find short-term and long-term housing after a disaster can be found [here](#).

### **Ready.Gov**

This website provides emergency updates, disaster preparedness tips and resources. You can sign up to receive emergency updates on your cell phone or download an app for updates. For hurricane preparedness resources visit their website [here](#).

### **Rebuilding After a Hurricane or Tropical Storm**

- FEMA offers a fact sheet on Rebuilding after a hurricane or tropical storm which can be found [here](#).
- Insurance information on recovering after a hurricane or tropical storm can be found on the Insurance Information Institute website [here](#).
- The National Disaster Legal Aid website has a legal resource list for those who have been impacted by a national disaster. The resource list can be found [here](#).

### **CARe Inc.**

- CARe is short for Community Assisting Recovery. Their mission is to provide free comprehensive information about disaster recovery, including the insurance claim process, to disaster survivors so they may effectively reestablish their homes and communities.
- All CARe volunteers and staff have lost their homes and successfully recovered from fire or earthquake disasters. They understand the needs of disaster survivors. It is the passion for "paying it forward" that draws survivors back to our organization to help survivors of the next disaster. To learn more about their services, please visit their [website](#).

### **SAMHSA - Disaster Distress Helpline**

SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. This resource is available to anyone in the United States, as well as in Puerto Rico.

- For anyone in the United States looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990

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- For anyone in Puerto Rico looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990 and select option 2 for a Spanish-speaking counselor.
- Individuals in Puerto Rico looking for support may also text **Hablanos** to 787-339-2663.
- You may visit the website for more information [here](#).

### **SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator**

Visit the website [here](#).

This line is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. The Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator provides information and a search tool for behavioral health and substance abuse/addiction services in the United States and U.S. Territories. You can access the free and confidential treatment provider search tool using the link listed above. After completing the search criteria, you can view a list of treatment providers and detailed information about each provider.

You may also call (800) 662-4357 to receive free and confidential information about mental health and substance abuse treatment services in your area.

### **Ways to Search for State and local News and Resources**

- Search on your State's Governor's Website for any official announcements or press releases
- Search on your State's Department of Emergency Management website for emergency preparedness plans, safety resources and emergency updates
- Search on your local town or sheriff's department website for any local disaster resource plans and updates in your local area



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