

# **AS WE NAVIGATE THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE,** **FLORIDA PTA IS HERE FOR YOU**

## **FOOD PANTRY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE**

- 1.The Salvation Army- [www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/)
- 2.Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida -[www.feedhopenow.org](http://www.feedhopenow.org)
- 3.Find for food pantries in your area - [www.foodpantries.org](http://www.foodpantries.org)
- 4.Find free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, financial assistance, health care, and more [www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)
- 5.Nathaniel's Hope - <https://nathanielshope.org/hurricane-milton-check-in/>
- 6.FL free food resources-[www.freefood.org](http://www.freefood.org)
- 7.Farm Share - distributes food to the community through its network of soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, churches and senior centers across the state of Florida, free of charge - [www.farmshare.org/farm-share-find-agencies-food-pantries](http://www.farmshare.org/farm-share-find-agencies-food-pantries)
- 8.Current SNAP recipients who lost food due to Hurricane can apply for food replacement. To learn more, visit- <https://myflfamilies.com/milton>
9. [www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank](http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank)

## **STATEWIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- For statewide information and resources, visit:  
[www.floridadisaster.org/updates](http://www.floridadisaster.org/updates)
- For resources from FEMA (including post-disaster assistance), visit:  
[www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)
- Financial assistance after a disaster: [www.usa.gov/disaster-financial-help](http://www.usa.gov/disaster-financial-help)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Programs available are:  
  
Individual Assistance - Assistance to individuals and households  
[www.fema.gov/assistance/individual](http://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual)  
  
Public Assistance - Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities (Categories A&B)  
[www.fema.gov/assistance/public/process](http://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/process)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life from natural hazards and property -  
[www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/summary-fema-hazard-mitigation-assistance-hma-programs](http://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/summary-fema-hazard-mitigation-assistance-hma-programs)
- SBA disaster assistance - [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/hurricane-milton](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/hurricane-milton)
- IRS provides Hurricane relief - [www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricane-milton](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricane-milton)
- The Federal Communications Commission - Announces six- month waiver to provide discounted phone and broadband service support for Hurricane Milton survivors - [www.getinternet.gov/apply](http://www.getinternet.gov/apply)
- State Assistance Information Line: **1-800-342-3557**
- Point of Distribution Sites & Multi Agency Resource Centers - <https://t.co/k5VX5GZNtD>

## **Other Assistance**

- The American Red Cross has launched an online Reunification Portal for individuals looking for loved ones. If you need assistance locating or connecting with a loved one because of Hurricane, the Red Cross may be able to help: [loom.ly/UxZ242Y](https://loom.ly/UxZ242Y)
- Need help cleaning up? Volunteers from local organizations are ready to assist with removing trees, debris, and more. All services are free, but availability is not guaranteed. Crisis Cleanup: **844-965-1386**
- Florida Disaster Legal Aid Helpline: Survivors of any natural disaster can get free civil legal assistance from anywhere in the state. Available 24/7 outside of business hours. **833-514-2940**
- United Way: For up-to-the-minute information, including school closures and sandbag distributions. Social Services Referrals included. **2-1-1**
- Red Cross: In immediate need of help or looking for a shelter? The Red Cross is ready to provide support. **1-800-Red-Cross**
- Walmart Locations Offering Essential Supplies  
- [corporate.walmart.com/purpose/community/disaster-response/hurricane-milton](https://corporate.walmart.com/purpose/community/disaster-response/hurricane-milton)
- Florida Utility Assistance - [www.helpinghandsact.com](https://www.helpinghandsact.com)
- Hope Florida is also here to assist survivors of Hurricane  
- [www.hopeflorida.com/get-help](https://www.hopeflorida.com/get-help)
- Mental health: Need help? If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide or in a mental health crisis, call or text 988 to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or chat with someone online at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)
- Trained counselors are also available to talk via the Disaster Distress Helpline at **(800) 985-5990**. The line is open 24 hours a day, with multilingual options. Text “talkwithus” to 66746 (use “hablanos” for Spanish). Deaf and hard-of-hearing ASL callers can text or call the helpline at **800-985-5590** using their preferred Relay provider.
- Legal Aid: A legal aid hotline is available for hurricane survivors in Florida who cannot pay for an attorney: **(866) 550-2929**. The Florida Disaster Legal Aid Helpline also provides free legal advice and referrals: **(833) 514-2940**
- Wi-Fi -Spectrum said it’s keeping open thousands of Wi-Fi hotspots, available to all users, around the Tampa Bay area and the rest of the state. To connect your device,

the company said, look for the “**SpectrumWiFi**” network. Here’s a map of hotspot sites. [www.spectrum.com/internet/wifi-access-points?opredirect=wifi-hotspots?opredirect=wifi-access-points?opredirect=wifi-hotspots&opredirect=wifi-hotspots](http://www.spectrum.com/internet/wifi-access-points?opredirect=wifi-hotspots?opredirect=wifi-access-points?opredirect=wifi-hotspots&opredirect=wifi-hotspots)

- Shelters are open for residents from any county. Find open state approved shelters - [www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status/)
- Lyft has activated the Lyft Up Disaster Response Program to provide free and discounted rides to help those in affected areas travel to and from designated shelters with critical resources. Riders can use code MILTONRELIEF24 for two rides up to \$25 to and from state-approved shelters.
- VolunteerFlorida helps residents and organizations get connected to better assist Floridians in need. Visit: [VolunteerFlorida.org/VolunteerConnect/](http://VolunteerFlorida.org/VolunteerConnect/) to either register as a volunteer or register your volunteer organization.