

Disaster Housing Resources

Hurricanes Matthew



The Florida Division of Emergency Management has assembled a task force with the aim of consolidating and disseminating resources to those who have sustained damage to their homes as a result of Hurricane Matthew.

This list is based on resources identified by the task force and is subject to update as new programs are identified and become available.

Federal and State Resources:

FEMA Housing Portal

The FEMA Housing Portal is intended to help individuals and families, who have been displaced by a disaster, find a place to live. The portal consolidates rental resources identified and provided by federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Veterans Administration (VA), private organizations, and the public, to help individuals and families find available rental units in their area.

To access the portal, visit asd.fema.gov/inter/hportal/home.htm

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

It is important to always verify a construction professional's state license before signing a contract.

You can verify licenses on the DBPR website by visiting www.myfloridalicense.com, calling **(850) 487-1395** or downloading the free DBPR Mobile app available in the iTunes and Google Play app stores.

If you suspect unlicensed activity is taking place, report it to the department by calling the Unlicensed Activity Hotline at **(866) 532-1440**, emailing ULA@myfloridalicense.com or using the free DBPR Mobile app available in the iTunes and Google Play app stores.

Consumer Fraud

Anyone who suspects fraud should call FEMA's Disaster Fraud Hotline at **866-720-5721**, or the Florida Attorney General's fraud and price gouging hotline at **866-966-7226**.

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Department of Housing and Urban Development

If you were affected by Hurricane Matthew and live in the following counties: **Brevard, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Nassau, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia**, you may be eligible for assistance available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

For more information, visit the following sites:

Foreclosure relief-

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/qaho0121

Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims-

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/ins/203h-dft

Rehab Mortgage Insurance-

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203k--df

Voluntary/Non-Governmental Organizations:

Volunteer Florida/Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

For Crisis Cleanup, the public can call 800-451-1954. This hotline will connect survivors with reputable and vetted relief agencies that will assist in mud-outs, debris removal, and cleaning up homes, as they are able. All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need.

Volunteer Florida is collecting donations through the Florida Disaster Fund and has identified over 2,000 spontaneous volunteers in order to assist survivors. To help, visit www.volunteerflorida.org/matthew-support

Florida Housing's State Housing Initiatives Partnership

Florida Housing's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program is available in all Florida counties for residents who have experienced damage to their home or rental due to Hurricane Matthew or Hurricane Hermine.

To apply for assistance, search for your county's point of contact at http://apps.floridahousing.org/StandAlone/FHFC_ECM/AppPage_SHIPLGContacts.aspx

To search for housing in FHFC's system at fixed income rates, search at <http://www.floridahousingsearch.org/>

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Florida Manufactured Housing Association

The Florida Manufactured Housing Association (FMHA) can assist displaced homeowners and renters to locate temporary or permanent housing following a disaster. Florida's mobile home and manufactured housing communities may have rental sites, rental homes or homes for sale. Additionally, manufactured housing retail centers may have homes in inventory to quickly and affordably satisfy your housing needs.

For more information visit www.fmha.org, email info@fmha.org or call (850) 907-9111.

Disaster Contractors Network

If you have damage to your homes and are in need of repairs, please visit the Disaster Contractors Network. This is a website where consumers can find licensed contractors, contractors can find consumers who need help and both Consumers and contractors can find suppliers.

Go to www.dcnonline.org to register. Use of the website (such as registration and searches) is free and is funded by a state grant. The DCN registration system will not allow a contractor to select work that requires a license and register without a valid license.

Florida Realtors

To find information about available homes in your area, or to connect with a REALTOR®, please visit www.realtor.com

Florida Justice Technology Center

Do you have legal issues that need resolving due to damage related disasters? The Florida Justice Technology Center has provided a website that contains resources and information about organizations offering legal help.

For more information visit <http://floridalawhelp.org/>