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Hurricane Florence – North Carolina

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## *Navigating the Road to Recovery*

- **The Bladen disaster recovery center will close permanently at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29.** Survivors may still visit any of the recovery centers that remain open. To find center locations and current hours, download the FEMA mobile app, the ReadyNC app, or visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://FEMA.gov/DRC).
- **Disaster survivors who received initial rental assistance from FEMA may be eligible to apply for more help.** To apply for continued rental assistance, they will need to:
  - Complete an Application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.
  - If they do not have one:
    - Call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585** (TTY).
    - Or visit a disaster recovery center. To find center locations and hours, visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://FEMA.gov/DRC).
  - Submit supporting documents with the completed application to prove ongoing need.
  - Return the completed form and supporting documents to FEMA:
    - Take them to a disaster recovery center.
    - Upload them to their disaster account at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
    - Mail them to FEMA, PO Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055.
    - Fax them to **800-827-8112**.
- **Are you staying in a home without heat, or outside in a tent or other temporary shelter?** You can use your FEMA funds for a hotel room. If you do get a hotel room during this cold snap, keep your receipts. This will serve as proof that the FEMA assistance was used as intended, and also help to show a continued need for housing help.

- **Have your housing needs changed since you registered with FEMA** and now you must temporarily relocate? Call **FEMA at 800-621-3362**. Deaf/hard of hearing can call **800-462-7585 (TTY)**.
- Have you been told to **vacate your storm-damaged apartment complex**, whether your unit had damage or not? You may be eligible for disaster assistance. Register for disaster assistance. Call **800-621-3362** or go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).

### ***Scope***

- **34** counties designated for Individual Assistance
- **51** counties designated for Public Assistance (Categories A-G)
- **All Hurricane Florence shelters closed Nov. 9** (peak population 21,272 on Sept. 15)

### ***Recovery Update***

- **Total state and federal resources approved: \$948.4 million**
- **FEMA Individuals and Households grants: \$117 million** approved for homeowners and renters
  - **Housing Assistance** approved: **\$97 million** for **32,793** households
  - **Other Needs Assistance** approved: **\$20 million**
- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans approved: \$319.8 million** for **8,052** applicants
  - **\$280.2 million** in loans approved for **7,402** homeowners and renters
  - **\$39.6 million** in loans approved for **650** business owners
- **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) estimated claims paid: \$511.6 million**
  - **NFIP claims: 14,905**
- **FEMA inspectors in the field: 29**
- **FEMA inspections completed: 98,565 (99 percent)**
- **Disaster Recovery Center visits: 36,502**
- **Disaster Survivor Assistance** teams have visited **112,113** homes, registered **4,899** survivors and made **5,091** case updates and inquiries
- **Direct Housing Units** licensed in: **167**
- **Direct Housing Units** work orders issued: **590**
- **Transitional Sheltering Assistance: 397** households with **1,111** household members checked into TSA-participating hotels.

### ***Individuals & Households Program (IHP)***

Individuals and families in **34 counties** are eligible to apply for Individual Assistance: **Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Union, Wayne and Wilson.**

### **Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)**

The centers serve as one-stop shops for hurricane survivors who want to know [what to expect after registering for assistance](#).

Need an American Sign Language interpreter? If an onsite interpreter is needed, please call or text **202-655-8824**. If possible, please allow at least 24 hours to schedule an interpreter.

For a list of the centers and their current hours, visit [FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers](#) or download the FEMA mobile app. Center hours and locations may be adjusted based on visitor demand.

<b>County and #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Bladen #17</b>	Powell-Melvin Agricultural Center 450 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown, NC 28337	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat. Closes permanently at 6 p.m., Thu., Nov. 29.</b>
<b>Brunswick #9</b>	Virginia Williams Event Center Odell Williams Auditorium 150 College Rd. NE, Bolivia, NC 28422	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Carteret #8</b>	Board of Elections 1702 Live Oak St., Beaufort, NC 28516	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Craven #7</b>	Former Eckerd Drugstore 710 Degraffenreid Ave., New Bern, NC 28560	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Craven #18</b>	Former rue21 Clothing Store 537 Hwy. 70 W, Suite 103, Havelock, NC 28532	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Columbus #23</b>	Columbus County Community Farmers Market 132 Government Complex Road Whiteville, NC 28472	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Cumberland #2</b>	Social Services Department, 1225 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Duplin #10</b>	Wallace Presbyterian Church 205 W. Main St., Wallace, NC 28446	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>New Hanover #6</b>	Independence Mall 3500 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Onslow #1a</b>	175 Freedom Way, Suite 18 A, Midway Park, NC 28544	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Pamlico #3</b>	Grantsboro Town Hall 10628 NC Hwy 55E, Grantsboro, NC 28529	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Pender #13a</b>	Pender County Agriculture Auditorium 801 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC 28425	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Robeson #14</b>	Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Soaring Eagle Community Building 442 Norment Road, Lumberton, NC 28360	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</b>
<b>Sampson #22</b>	Sampson County Complex, 406 County Complex Road, Building C, Clinton, NC 28328	<b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thu. to Sat.</b>

### ***SBA disaster loan application deadlines***

The deadline for filing an SBA application for low-interest disaster loans for physical damage as a result of Hurricane Florence has been extended to Thursday, **Dec. 13, 2018**. The deadline to return economic injury disaster loan applications is **June 14, 2019**.

### ***SBA Business Recovery Centers***

The SBA has opened 10 BRCs to help businesses affected by Florence. Below are their current locations and hours.

<b><i>County</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Hours</i></b>
<b><i>Bladen</i></b>	Powell-Melvin Agricultural Service Center, 450 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown, NC 28337	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Carteret</i></b>	Sound Bank 5039 Executive Drive, Morehead City, NC 28557	<b><i>9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Thu. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri.</i></b>
<b><i>Columbus</i></b>	Columbus County Community Farmers Market 132 Government Complex Road, Whiteville, NC 28472	<b><i>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Craven</i></b>	Centenary United Methodist Church, Education Building Entrance 309 New Street, New Bern, NC 28560	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Cumberland</i></b>	Cumberland County Department of Social Services 1225 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301	<b><i>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Johnston</i></b>	Riverwalk Office Suites, 101 East Market Street, Unit 2C, Smithfield, NC 27577	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>New Hanover</i></b>	Wilmington Chamber of Commerce 1 Estelle Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Onslow</i></b>	Onslow County 234 NW Corridor Blvd, Room 107, Jacksonville, NC 28540	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</i></b>
<b><i>Pitt</i></b>	SBTDC Regional Service Center at East Carolina University, 300 East First Street, Willis Building, Greenville, NC 27858	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>
<b><i>Robeson</i></b>	Robeson Community College Workforce Development Center, Building 18, 5160 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, NC 28358	<b><i>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Sat.</i></b>

### ***Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA)***

The [Transitional Sheltering Assistance](#) program provides short-term hotel stays to survivors who were displaced from their homes and need shelter while they look for longer-term housing. Survivors will be notified of their eligibility through an automated phone call, text message, and/or email depending upon the method of communication they selected when they registered for assistance. Or call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**.

- TSA is available to eligible survivors whose pre-disaster primary residence is in one of the following **nine** counties: ***Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender or Robeson.***

### ***Direct Temporary Housing Assistance***

FEMA is providing Direct Temporary Housing Assistance in **13** counties: **Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, New Hanover** and **Robeson**. Travel trailers and manufactured housing units are provided for eligible households displaced from their homes.

### ***Disaster Tax Relief***

Survivors of Hurricane Florence may qualify for tax relief from the Internal Revenue Service. Taxpayers may be eligible for deadline extensions to file returns or pay taxes, and may be able to claim qualified disaster losses. The IRS may waive fees and expedite requests from survivors. To download forms and publications, go to [IRS](https://www.irs.gov) or call **800-829-3676**. For general tax questions, call **800-829-1040**.

### ***U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)***

HUD has activated the Disaster Assistance Hotline for North Carolinians living in HUD-assisted housing who were affected by Hurricane Florence. Call **800-304-9320** to learn about resources. Survivors can also email [recovery@hud.gov](mailto:recovery@hud.gov) to contact HUD. Additional information is available at [HUD programs online](#).

### ***Mitigation Outreach***

Disaster survivors can get tips and advice on how to rebuild stronger against future storm damage from FEMA flood mitigation specialists at Disaster Recovery Centers and at select hardware and home improvement stores for a limited time.

<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Open/close date, hours</b>
<b><i>Carteret</i></b>	Lowe's 5219 Hwy. 70 Morehead City, N.C. 28557	<b>Nov. 19 to Dec. 7</b> <b>Mon. thru Sun.</b> <b>7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b><i>Columbus</i></b>	Lowe's 100 Greenhill Drive Whiteville, N.C. 28472	<b>Nov. 19 to Dec. 7</b> <b>Mon. thru Sun.</b> <b>7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b><i>Cumberland</i></b>	Lowe's 3909 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, N.C. 28311	<b>Nov. 19 to Dec. 7</b> <b>Mon. thru Sun.</b> <b>7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b><i>New Hanover</i></b>	Lowe's 191 Porters Neck Wilmington, N.C. 28403	<b>Nov. 19 to Dec. 7</b> <b>Mon. thru Sun.</b> <b>7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b><i>Robeson</i></b>	Pembroke Hardware 7331 NC Hwy. 711 Pembroke, N.C. 28372	<b>Nov. 26 to Dec. 14</b> <b>Mon. thru Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Sat. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b> <b>Closed Sunday</b>

### ***Disaster Distress Helpline***

If you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed by Florence, call the **Disaster Distress Helpline** at **800-985-5990** any time day or night to speak with a trained crisis counselor. Or text TalkWithUs to 66746. For Spanish, text Hablanos to 66746. Additional information is available online at [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

### ***Disaster Unemployment Assistance***

*FEMA NC News Desk for media inquiries only: 256-454-3863*

If you're out of work or lost income due to Florence, and reside in **Chatham, Durham and Guilford Counties**, you may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). DUA helps those who do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits—such as farm laborers and self-employed workers. To apply, call **866-795-8877**. Chatham, Durham and Guilford residents have until **today, Nov. 28, 2018**. For more information, visit the state's [Division of Employment Security](#) website.

### ***Unmet Needs***

FEMA works closely with state, federal, faith-based and voluntary agency partners. Survivors who do not qualify for FEMA disaster assistance may call **2-1-1**, the statewide information and referral service for basic unmet needs—such as food or cleaning supplies and help to pay utility bills and child-care expenses.

### ***National Flood Insurance Program***

- To help speed recovery, the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) is allowing advanced payments to policyholders on their flood insurance claims.
- Policyholders who contact their insurer can receive an advance payment of up to \$5,000 on a flood claim, without an adjuster visit or additional documentation.
- NFIP policyholders who have not yet filed a claim should call their agent or insurance company and file immediately. Policyholders who need assistance contacting their insurance company can contact the NFIP Call Center at **800-427-4661**.

### ***Insurance Hotline***

If you need help with your insurance claim or settlements, call the North Carolina Department of Insurance at **855-408-1212**. For more information, go to [NC Hurricane Claims](#).

### ***Public Assistance***

- FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, local and tribal governments, and to certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.
- The following **51** counties are now eligible to apply for all categories of Public Assistance: **Alamance, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Duplin, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Madison, McDowell, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Tyrrell, Union, Wayne, Wilson and Yancey.**
- Government entities and non-profit organizations must provide a formal Request for Public Assistance to the State of North Carolina to be considered for a grant. The deadlines are:
  - **Nov. 11:** *Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Cabarrus, Chatham, Dare, Granville, Montgomery, Person, Randolph, Stanly, Union and Yancey counties.*
  - **Nov. 16:** *Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne and Wilson counties.*
  - **Nov. 21:** *Bertie, Davidson and Orange counties.*

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- **Nov. 23:** *Alamance, Madison, Polk, Rowan and Tyrrell counties.*
  - **Dec. 15:** *Guilford and McDowell counties.*
- Private Non-Profits (PNPs) and Houses of Worship (HOWs) do not have a separate deadline. Their deadline is dependent upon the county in which they are located.

***Disaster Fraud Hotline***

If you suspect fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement of disaster relief operations, call the Disaster Fraud Hotline at **866-720-5721**. (Calls can be made anonymously and confidentially.)

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