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# Hurricane Florence – North Carolina Recovery Fact Sheet

## *Navigating the Road to Recovery*

- North Carolina residents who are still staying in hotels after Hurricane Florence can expect a call from FEMA about keeping their long-term housing plan on track. If you are in FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance program, FEMA advisors will be contacting you to set up an appointment to meet with them, as well as voluntary agencies and state partners to discuss steps for moving toward a more permanent housing solution.
- The FEMA News Desk number for Hurricane Florence in North Carolina has changed. The new number is **919-990-4090**. This is for media inquiries only.

## *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: More than \$1 billion**
- **FEMA Individuals and Households grants: \$124.9 million** approved for **34,304** homeowners and renters
  - **Housing Assistance** approved: **\$103.1 million**
  - **Other Needs Assistance** approved: **\$21.8 million**
- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** disaster loans approved: **\$375.7 million** for **9,566** applicants
  - **\$324.3 million** in loans approved for **8,722** homeowners and renters
  - **\$51.4 million** in loans approved for **844** business owners
- As of Dec. 14, **the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):**
  - **Estimated claims paid: \$556.3 million**
  - **NFIP claims filed: 15,014**
- **Direct Housing Units** licensed in: **513**
- **Work orders** issued: **841**

- **Transitional Sheltering Assistance: 319** households with **893** household members checked into TSA-participating hotels.
- **FEMA inspectors** in the field: **11**
- **FEMA inspections** completed: **103,155 (99 percent)** of **103,227** assigned
- **Disaster Recovery Center** visits: **42,287**. **All DRCs closed as of Dec. 20, 2018.**
- **Disaster Survivor Assistance** teams have completed their mission. They visited **113,069** homes, registered **4,901** survivors and made **5,116** case updates and inquiries.

### ***State Housing Recovery Centers***

There are currently 3 state housing recovery centers open to provide rental assistance, housing leads, and financial information. Below are their current locations and hours.

<b><i>County</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Hours</i></b>
<b><i>Craven</i></b>	2825 Neuse Blvd. New Bern, NC 28562	<b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b>
<b><i>New Hanover</i></b>	Old Independence Mall (Old Sears Store location) 3500 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403	<b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b> <b>9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday</b>
<b><i>Robeson</i></b>	Department of Social Services 120 Glen Cowan Rd. Lumberton, NC 28360	<b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b>

### ***SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans***

The deadline to return SBA economic injury disaster loan applications is **June 14, 2019**.

### ***SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers***

The SBA has opened three DLOCs to help businesses affected by Hurricane 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>Craven</i></b>	Centenary United Methodist Church, Education Building Entrance 309 New Street, New Bern, NC 28560	<b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b> <b>8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday</b> <b>Closed Sundays</b>
<b><i>New Hanover</i></b>	Old Independence Mall (Old Sears Store location) 3500 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403	<b>9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b> <b>9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday</b> <b>Closed Sundays</b>
<b><i>Onslow</i></b>	Onslow County 234 NW Corridor Blvd., Room 107, Jacksonville, NC 28540	<b>9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. to Fri.</b> <b>Closed Saturdays and</b> <b>Sundays</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 in 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, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender** 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 the hardware and home improvement stores at the locations and dates listed below.

<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Open/close date, hours</b>
<b><i>Cumberland</i></b>	Hope Mills Lowe's 3080 N. Main St. Hope Mills, NC 28348	<b>8 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Dec. 31 through Jan. 18</b> <b>Seven days a week</b>
<b><i>Brunswick</i></b>	Walmart Supercenter 1112 New Pointe Blvd. Leland, NC 28451	<b>8 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Jan. 2 through Jan. 15</b> <b>Seven days a week</b>
<b><i>Pender</i></b>	Walmart Supercenter 908 NC Highway 53 Burgaw, NC 28425	<b>8 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Jan. 2 through Jan. 15</b> <b>Seven days a week</b>
<b><i>Wayne</i></b>	Walmart 1002 N. Spence Ave. Goldsboro, NC 27534	<b>8 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Dec. 31 through Jan. 18</b> <b>Seven days a week</b>
<b><i>Robeson</i></b>	Brown's Hardware 209 S. Main St. Red Springs, NC 28377	<b>Jan. 11 through Jan. 19</b> <b>Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> <b>Sat. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Closed Sundays</b>

### ***Community Mitigation Resiliency Workshops***

Area residents can get tips and advice on how to make their homes more resistant to flood damage at community mitigation resiliency workshops. The workshops will be held at the following locations and dates:

<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date, hours</b>
<b>Robeson</b>	Lumbee Tribe Boys & Girls Club 120 Youth Drive Pembroke, NC 28372	<b>Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 - from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.</b>
<b>Robeson</b>	Emergency Operations Center 500 N. Cedar St. Lumberton, NC 28358	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 - from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.</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](#)

### ***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.

### ***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 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.**

### ***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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