



# FAC HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE

## Building Inspectors Needed

Building inspectors are needed to determine the habitability of homes as power is being restored in impacted counties. Currently, there is a need for this service from Gulf and Gadsden counties. The State anticipates the need for additional home inspectors in other affected counties as response continues.

If you are able to provide assistance, please contact the Recovery Desk at 850-815-4910 or 850-815-4909.

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## Debris Removal

To reduce the administrative, operational and financial burdens on counties most impacted by the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Michael, FDOT will assist fiscally-constrained counties with all remaining debris removal and emergency road clearance.

In Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Wakulla counties, FDOT is offering, following the county's voluntary request, to take on responsibility for each county's existing pre-storm emergency debris removal contract at the existing approved contract rate. For more information, please [click here](#).

## Resources

[FAC Hurricane Information](#)  
[FloridaDisaster.org](#)  
[GetAPlan.com](#)

State Emergency Assistance  
Line: 1-800-342-3557

[Request for Emergency Declaration](#)  
[Executive Order 18-276](#)  
[FDOT Emergency Order](#)  
[FDOT Emergency Road Use Permit](#)  
[Map: Hurricane Michael Power Outages](#)  
[Hurricane Michael Imagery](#)  
[FDOT Debris Removal Assistance](#)  
[Mutual Aid Form B](#)  
[Mutual Aid Agreement](#)

### Conference Call Numbers:

11:15 AM / 5:15 PM EOC  
Briefing  
(888) 670-3525  
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## Information on County-to-County Mutual Assistance

We appreciate all the assistance being offered by counties across the state. In order to facilitate assistance, please make sure you are following the process outlined below.

For those counties requesting and providing county-to-county assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, the following process should be followed to ensure reimbursement:

- The requesting county should place a mission request in WebEOC for the specific assistance requested.
- One [Form B](#) to the [State-wide Mutual Agreement](#) specifying the type of aid should be completed between the two entities. Section I & III should be completed by the requester, and Section II should be completed by the entity providing assistance. A

## FEMA Assistance

Please see below for status and eligibility information for FEMA programming available to Florida counties affected by Hurricane Michael. For Public Assistance, the federal cost share is 75%, while the state and local cost shares are 12.5%.

### **Transitional Sheltering Assistance, Individual Assistance, Public Assistance (Categories A and B):**

- Bay County

### **Individual Assistance, Public Assistance (Categories A and B):**

- Holmes County
- Washington County
- Jackson County
- Calhoun County
- Gulf County
- Gadsden County
- Liberty County
- Franklin County
- Wakulla County
- Taylor County

### **Public Assistance (Categories A and B):**

- Leon County
- Jefferson County
- Madison County
- Hamilton County
- Suwannee County

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

- All counties in the State of Florida are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

For various guides and fact sheets regarding procurement, permanent work and private property debris removal related to Hurricane Michael, visit the [FAC Website](#).



**UPDATE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER**

## **Food and Water**

- There are two points of distribution. One has been established at Port St. Joe Elementary at 2201 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe. The other location is at Wewahitchka Elementary at 514 E. River Road, Wewahitchka.
- A logistics specialist has been deployed from the State Emergency Operations Center.

## **Fuel**

- There are two fueling stations set up for first responders and utility crews to rapidly refuel so they can continue working.
- A fuel tanker was deployed to Gulf County today.

## **Communications**

- Currently, 56.5 percent of cellular service coverage has been restored, up 26 percent from yesterday. This does not include mobile cellular assets augmenting the network.
- Verizon reports that service has been restored in Gulf County.
- AT&T reports that it has established internet at the Gulf County Sheriff substation.

## Power Restoration

- One push crew is actively working and one additional push crew is en route to Gulf County.
- 150 generators have been sent to Gulf County.
- Current power outage as of 6 p.m. is 11,026
  - Duke Energy serves 6,703 customers in Gulf County and currently 5,719 are experiencing outages.
  - Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. serves 4,323 customers in Gulf County and continues to report total outage.

## Shelters

- Currently two shelters are open:
  - Honeyville Community Center at 240 Honeyville Park Road, Wewahitchka.
  - Port St. Joe Elementary at 2201 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe.
- Visit <https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status/> to find information on shelters in your area. This site is being updated as shelters open throughout the day.

## Military Support

- There are currently 375 National Guard troops deployed to Gulf County. National Guard troops are assisting with:
  - Conducting reconnaissance, search and rescue, and road clearance missions.

## Law Enforcement

- More than 150 law enforcement officers have been deployed to Gulf County.
- FWC officers continue performing search and rescue, welfare checks, reconnaissance, public safety missions and debris removal assistance in Gulf County.

## Safety and Security

- 226 urban search and rescue personnel continue to conduct searches in Gulf County.

## Transportation & Public Works

- All state roads in Gulf County are open. US 98 remains closed in Gulf County.
- FDOT has completed all bridge inspections and cleared debris in Gulf County.

## Public Health and Medical

- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is in contact with healthcare facilities to ensure they have the resources they need.
- Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf has been completely evacuated and remains closed.

- Assisted living facility, Our Home at Beacon Hill LLC has been completely evacuated and remains closed.
- The Agency for Persons with Disability's William J. Rish Recreational Park in Gulf County remains closed.
- Facilities report their evacuation status to the Agency through the Emergency Status System. An updated evacuation report can be found on the AHCA twitter page: [https://twitter.com/AHCA\\_FL](https://twitter.com/AHCA_FL)
- Five ambulance strike teams have been deployed to Gulf County.
- A Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) has been deployed to Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center.

## Environmental Protection

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has activated and is closely monitoring StormTracker, a reporting tool for water and waste water facilities to provide updates on their operational status.
- Hazardous Area Response Teams (HART) completed hazardous waste facility assessments in Gulf County.
- DEP has deployed staff from the State Emergency Operations Center to conduct water testing in the county.
- Beach Surveys have been completed in Gulf County.
- The U.S. Coast Guard, in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has completed fly overs to assess coastal areas.
- An [online tool](#) for the public to report the location of storm debris in waterways has been deployed. 399 reports of debris have been received.
- 235 Disaster Debris Management Sites have been pre-authorized for the counties addressed by the Governor's Executive Order, with 10 in Gulf County.
- Florida State Parks strike teams are on site to clear debris and assist individuals in impacted state parks. Constitution Convention Museum State Park in Gulf County remains closed at this time.

## Business and Industry

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has launched the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to provide short-term, interest-free loans to affected businesses at [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org).
- Executive Director Cissy Proctor will be meeting with area businesses and CareerSource in Gulf County this week.
- Disaster cleanup and other related job openings are now available at <http://disasterrecovery.employflorida.com> for businesses to post job openings and for individuals to find job opportunities.
- DEO has opened the Business Damage Assessment Survey for businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael. Businesses with damage should complete the survey at <https://www.floridadisaster.biz/BusinessDamageAssessments>.
- Businesses can also visit [FloridaDisaster.biz](http://FloridaDisaster.biz) to view tips for assessing storm damage and to register to receive updates on storm recovery.

## Education

- The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is in contact with school districts, state colleges and universities for updates and to determine their needs and provide assistance.
- Gulf County schools will be closed until further notice.
- FDOE will be posting up-to-date information regarding closures and meeting

## Volunteer Efforts

- A volunteer coordinator has been deployed from the State Emergency Operations Center to Gulf County.
- At Governor Scott's direction, Volunteer Florida has activated the Florida Disaster Fund, the State of Florida's official private fund established to assist Florida's communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster. In partnership with the public sector, private sector and other non-governmental organizations, the Florida Disaster Fund supports response and recovery activities.
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- The Salvation Army has two mobile feeding canteens/kitchens in Gulf County. For the latest information on locations, visit <https://salvationarmyflorida.org/response>.
- The Red Cross has an emergency response vehicle stationed in Gulf County. This vehicle provides food and water for people affected by Hurricane Michael.

## Hurricane Relief Efforts

Beside assistance from your emergency management departments, work with your communities to coordinate donation drop off centers at fire house, county offices, or houses of workshop for supplies to be deliver to those directly impacted by Hurricane Michael. They are in need of: non-perishable packaged or canned goods, disinfectants, flashlights, batteries, first aid kits, snack foods, or paper products.

These donated goods or financial donations should be coordinated through Volunteer Florida.

For commodity donations, email: [HurricaneMichael@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:HurricaneMichael@volunteerflorida.org)

For donations: [volunteerflorida.org](http://volunteerflorida.org)

## State Emergency Operation Center/Contacts

- The State Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a level one, which is a full-scale, 24-hours-a-day activation.
- The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) contact number is 1-800-342-3557.
- The State Emergency Operations Center Media Line: 850-921-0217.
- Follow @FLSert or @FLGovScott on Twitter for live updates on Hurricane Michael.
- Visit <http://www.floridadisaster.org/info> to find information on shelters, road closures, and evacuation routes.

## NACo Resources

As Hurricane Michael has passed, NACo is providing a suite of county-specific natural disaster resources through the NACo Disaster Resilience Toolkit for Counties, available as part of the IBTS Online Help and Advice for Natural Disasters (OnHAND) website.

<https://ibtsonhand.org/naco/>

## FAC Office Available for Work

FAC OFFICE IS AVAILABLE - The FAC office is your office

The FAC office is online and at your disposal should you need space to work from in the days and weeks to come. Please contact FAC Executive Director, Ginger Delegal, at (850) 294-9295 to coordinate.

## All Call for Local Heroes

We want to highlight local heroes! Send us your photos and videos of your county in action before, during and after the storm. Please send to [jlaxner@flcounties.com](mailto:jlaxner@flcounties.com).

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