



Charlotte County Resources

Find more info on CharlotteCountyFL.gov/storm
Call 941.833.4000 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily



Apply for Disaster Assistance Now



FEMA | DISASTER ASSISTANCE

1-800-621-3362 DisasterAssistance.gov
711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

- Address & condition of damaged home
- Insurance info, & social security number
- Phone number, address, email for notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account (provide your bank type, account & routing number).

Stay in touch with FEMA: You will receive a FEMA registration number when you apply. Save this number when you contact FEMA.

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status.

CrisisCleanup.org Cleanup Assistance:

844.965.1386

Hotline open until Oct. 25, 2024. All services free, but not guaranteed due to overwhelming need: Muck out, trees, tarps, debris and more.

COMFORT STATIONS OPEN

Restrooms, showers & laundry (bring your supplies)

- Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center, 23400 Harold Ave., Port Charlotte
- South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda
- Fellowship Church of Englewood, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W., Rotonda West

Charlotte County Transit provides rides to distribution centers. Call 941.833.4000.

FREE FUEL DISTRIBUTION

Each vehicle is limited to 10 gallons of fuel at Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte. The site is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while supplies last.

PRIVATE WELL TESTING

Test your well water for free (while supplies last) if you are concerned that your private well may have been contaminated:

1. Pick up a kit from the Department of Health in Charlotte County Environmental Health office, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 1100 Loveland Blvd.
2. Follow the directions on the kit's instruction.
3. Take the water sample to the Benchmark Private Well Testing Laboratory, 1001 Corporate Ave., Suite 102, North Port.
4. Results will come from the lab.

CHARCOCARES

Text CHARCOCARES to 888-777 to receive text updates about the latest area recovery resources.

ALERT CHARLOTTE

Get alerted about emergencies by signing up for our emergency alert program. Receive messages wherever you specify: home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages, and more.

www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/alertcharlotte



DAMAGE REPORTING

Assist us in the disaster response - help us collect damage assessments. Visit tinyurl.com/reportingdamage, enter your address, select the type of damage, and upload a photo.

ONE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. with water, tarps and MREs while supplies last:

Port Charlotte Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte in Macy's parking lot.

Charlotte County Transit provides rides to and from the distribution center: call 941.833.4000.



For more resources and assistance, visit www.coadfl.org
Community Organizations Active in a Disaster

FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- facebook.com/oemcharlottecounty
- instagram.com/charlottefleoc
- x.com/cccoem

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Residential curbside collection has resumed the regular schedule. The **Mid-County** and **West Charlotte Mini-Transfer and Recycling Facilities** have reopened with an extended schedule of 9 a.m. to gates closing at 4:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday. **Charlotte County Landfill** is open 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays.

BUSINESS DISASTER LOANS

If you have business losses, including property damage and economic losses, you may qualify for assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Visit lending.sba.gov.

PRICE GOUGING

State Price Gouging Hotline: 1.866.966.7226. Florida's price gouging law applies to items and services essential to getting ready for or recovering from a storm within the areas of a declared state of emergency. Visit MyFloridaLegal.com.

STORM DEBRIS

Sandbag Disposal: Do not put sand or sandbags in your regular trash or yard waste and do not mix it with yard debris. Store clean sandbags for future storms or spread the sand on lawns/landscape beds.

It is the property owners' responsibility to separate debris into these categories, placing the piles in county-maintained right-of-way, off the road, not on private property: construction & demolition materials, electronic waste (e-waste), household hazardous waste, white goods, vegetation, regular household garbage.

Do not place trash or debris around fire hydrants, backflow preventers, automated flushers, valve covers, water sample stations or water meter boxes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Florida Rural Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance. Visit FRLS.org or call 1.888.582.3410.

ONE SHELTER OPEN

Babcock Ranch School Field House, 43281 Cypress Parkway, Punta Gorda. Charlotte County Transit provides rides to and from the shelter. Call 941.833.4000.

DO NOT PUT SAND IN ROADS

USE THE TWO SAND DROP-OFF SITES.

Two sand drop-off sites are open at the north end of the parking area in Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park, 2100 N. Beach Road in Englewood, and at 1 N. Gulf Blvd. on Don Pedro Knight Islands. The sand drop-off sites will be open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Do not put the sand on the beach - It is not allowed by the state and you may be fined. Let contractors know they can drop off sand (no dirt, no muck) for free. You may also empty sandbags at the site, but do not leave bags and containers at the site.

PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY

- NEVER connect a portable generator to building wiring. Plug appliances directly into the generator.
- Place generators outside at least 20 feet and away from doors, windows, and vents that could allow deadly exhaust fumes to come indoors.
- Turn your generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Remember to check the oil.
- Keep the generator dry.
- Store fuel outside in labeled, approved containers.

INFO HUBS

Find the latest editions of this resource sheet online at CharlotteCountyFL.gov/storm and at Info Hubs:



South County Regional Park
Recreation Center
670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda

Port Charlotte Public Library
2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park
Recreation Center
6961 San Casa Drive., Englewood

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

- WCCF AM 1580
- WENG AM 1530
- WENG FM 98.1
- WENG FM 107.5
- WIKX FM 92.9
- WBCG FM 98.9
- WCVU FM 104.9
- WINK FM 96.9
- WCKT FM 100.9