



Disaster Prep & Info

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Our organizations have put this information packet together to assist our business citizens and their communities have access to accurate information on storm prep and follow up. The links below are very helpful and assisting you in your prep & follow up before & after a Florida storm.

Info on shelters etc. to get yourselves ready!

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

<https://www.fema.gov/>

<https://www.polk-county.net/>

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

<https://www.sba.gov/article/2024/10/10/sba-adds-more-counties-florida-disaster-declaration>

<https://www.redcross.org/>

<https://floridacommerce.my.site.com/RebuildFloridaBusinessLoanFund/s/>

A person wearing a white button-down shirt is shown from the chest down, pointing their right index finger towards the right side of the frame. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an office or professional setting.

PREP 101

The WHY , the WHEN , the HOW and the WHERE

THE WHY, THE WHEN & HOW : PREP EARLY ON HOME and/or BUSINESS



- Check your home & business insurance
- Take photos of inside & outside of your home & business
- Make a list of your valuables and email it to yourself & your cc your insurance company
- Trim any loose tree limbs / branches around your properties
- Clear / clean any & all your gutters
- Store away any outside furniture . Décor , potted plants etc.
- Get sandbags and if not, available kitty litter bags help as well
- Unplug your electrical appliances incase of an electrical surge. This might occur and can damage any not being used
- Turn off and store away any & all propane tanks
- Secure all doors of entry
- Secure your garage doors / check that they are up to par etc.
- As for your windows The National Hurricane Center advises NOT TO TAPE WINDOWS. They may shatter due to strong winds and glass will break and shards of glass may be lethal. Use wood panels or shutters.
- If you own vacation property , hire yourselves a property manager to take care of your prep especially if you're not in the vicinity to access and prep yourselves

PREP FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILIES EARLY ON



CLICK ON LINK BELOW

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

1. Pack yours & your family's prescriptions and/or glasses if you all use them
2. Pack enough infant formula & disposable diapers (plus any/all items for your infant
3. Pet food , water & all items / supplies needed for your Fur Baby
4. Important family documents : insurance ID's , bank account information (keep all in a waterproof container/ Ziplock bag etc.)
5. Get CASH & change (if power goes out you can not get funds out of an ATM)
6. Get info prep on www.ready.gov
7. Sleeping Bags / warm blankets for each member of your family/crew
8. Complete change of clothing and a warm item incase it gets cold
9. Fire extinguisher and matches in a weatherproof bag
10. Feminine supplies , personal hygiene items for both male & female , plenty of hand sanitizer plus disposable wipes
11. Disposable paper plates , cups , utensils , paper towels , toilet tissue
12. Paper / pad and pencils to document all incidents etc.
13. Get ready to reconnect without power : read books , board games activities for children coloring books etc.
14. Prep food ; sandwiches , chips , fruit cups , juice or water boxes , thermos for hot beverages , cookies , pastries .
15. Water & non-perishable food for several days for the amount of those with you. Don't forget the regular metal can opener
16. Have extra cell phone batteries/chargers. Also have maps handy incase you need to evacuate.
17. Battery operated lanterns and also a hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts (get extra batteries for any and all radios etc.)
18. FIRST AID KIT : VERY IMPORTANT
19. Whistle to signal for help incase your blocked & locked inside
20. Dust masks , garbage bags to use for sanitation purposes as well. Don't forget large plastic garbage cans for collecting water incase water gets shuts off. Use for bathing and flushing toilets. Put one in the kitchen , and all bathrooms.



Specific Contacts Available

Local / State and National Organizations

Local Collaborators Contact Information



FEMA



U.S. Small Business Administration

FEMA

- <https://www.fema.gov/>
- FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov

POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- <https://www.polk-county.net/>

APPLYING FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE

There are three ways to apply for FEMA assistance:

- Calling FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.
- Online by visiting disasterassistance.gov.
- Downloading and applying on the [FEMA App](#).

Residents in need of information or resources should call the State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) at 1-800-342-3557. English, Spanish and Creole speakers are available to answer questions.

If you are in need of shelter, a list of shelters can be found [HERE](#) on the American Red Cross website, and if you need help finding a loved one, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit the [Red Cross Hurricane Helene Reunification page](#).

For free services like cutting fallen trees, tarping roofs, and mold mitigation, call Crisis Cleanup at 1-844-965-1386.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

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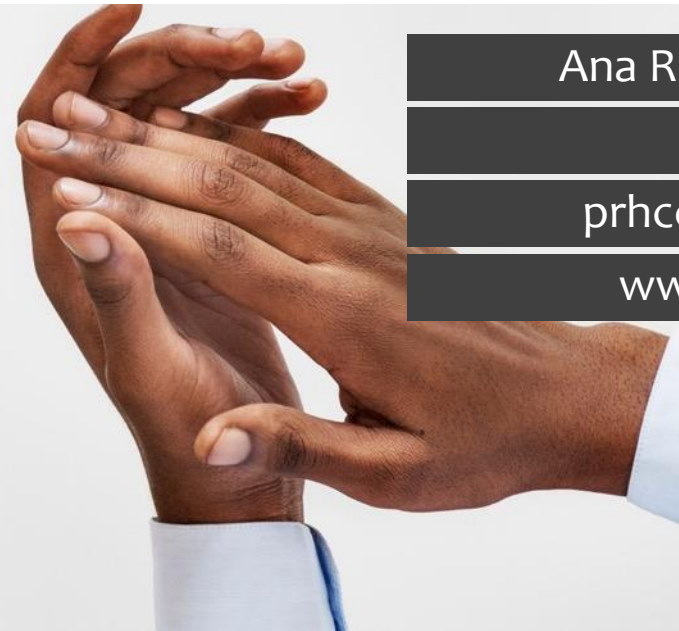
RESOURCES



1. [State of Florida Official Portal for Businesses](#)
2. [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)
3. [IRS Tax Relief in Disaster Situations](#)
4. [Bridge Loan Program](#)
5. [Minding Your Business | FL Business Continuity Initiative](#)
6. [Florida Emergency Services | FL DMS](#)
7. [Disaster Contractors Network](#)
8. [Preparing Your Business](#)
9. [Planning and Protecting Your Business | Ready](#)
10. [Industry Liaison Program | FEMA](#)
11. [Get a Plan | Florida Division of Emergency Management](#)
12. [How to Be Prepared | Ready.gov](#)
13. [Hurricane Checklist for Business | PreparednessGuide.org](#)
14. [Latest Storm News | Hillsborough County](#)
15. [Tampa Business Emergency Council](#)
16. [Cyberplanner | Federal Communications Commission](#)
17. [Wildfire Preparedness | U.S. Small Business Administration](#)
18. [Flood Preparedness | U.S. Small Business Administration](#)



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