

# **FREE** NATURAL DISASTER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

We have created a valuable free resource for you to share with colleagues, friends, and family. Please feel free to forward or print as needed. We are here to serve you. Please reach out to your Risk Strategies | Gehring Group team via email or phone for any additional information.

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS:**

The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) can be reached by dialing 800-342-3557 and provides accurate and up-to-date information regarding an emergency or disaster situation impacting the State of Florida. It is available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Visit the website to learn how to sign up for the statewide notification service Alert Florida for emergency alerts and public safety notifications.

## **CHARITY NAVIGATOR:**

Looking to help make a difference? Check out Charity Navigator it provides highly rated nonprofits who are responding with relief and recovery efforts in Florida.

Link: <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>

## **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA):**

- Visit the FEMA website for information [here](#).
- FEMA information on getting assistance after a disaster can be found [here](#).
- Find open shelters near you by texting SHELTER and your zip code to 4FEMA(43362). Example: Shelter 01234. (Standard text message rates apply.)
- To Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance Online: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>
- Phone: 800-621-3362, TTY 800-462-7585

## **FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM):**

FDEM is here to insure Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts. They compile and update the necessary resources in preparation, during, and after the disaster has passed.

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

## **OPERATION BLUE ROOF:**

**Operation Blue Roof** is a priority mission managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of Operation Blue Roof is to provide homeowners and permanently occupied rental properties in disaster areas with fiber-reinforced sheeting to cover their damaged roofs until arrangements can be made for permanent repairs. This is a *free service* to homeowners. Operation Blue Roof protects property, reduces temporary housing costs, and allows residents to remain in their homes while recovering from the storm.

**Hotline:** 888-766-3258

**Link:** <https://www.usace.army.mil/missions/emergency-operations/national-response-framework/temporary-roofing/>

## **SAMHSA – DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE:**

SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. This resource is available to anyone in the United States, as well as in Puerto Rico.

- For anyone in the United States looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990
- For anyone in Puerto Rico looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990 and select option 2 for a Spanish-speaking counselor.
- Individuals in Puerto Rico looking for support may also text Hablanos to 787-339-2663.
- You may visit the website for more information [here](#).

## **SMART 911:**

Plan ahead for any emergency with Smart911! You can provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders with critical information you want them to know in any kind of emergency.

When you call 9-1-1, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 screen and the 9-1-1 call takers can view your addresses, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like. Your safety profile is free, private, and secure.

Smart911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

**Link:** <https://www.smart911.com/>