

HURRICANE RECOVER RESOURCES

City and County Emergency Management: For updates on recovery efforts, please monitor your local city and county alert systems.

- City of Tampa: <https://www.tampa.gov/emergency-management/hurricane-information>
- Hillsborough County: <https://hcfl.gov/newsroom/2024/09/29/disaster-recovery-center-to-open-in-hillsborough-for-residents-and-business-owners-residents-can-now-apply-for-fema-assistance>
- Pinellas County: <https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information>
- Pasco County: https://www.pascocountyfl.net/services/emergency_management/index.php
- Polk County: <https://www.polk-county.net/public-safety/emergency-management/>

Children's Board of Hillsborough County is hosting a Hurricane Kit Relief Event in partnership with Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

Hillsborough County PODs:

PODs are drive-through relief areas where residents can pick up water, tarps for their homes, and meals. The PODs allow residents to obtain these items without having to leave their vehicles. Sites are open 7 AM to 7 PM. All pod sites will close between noon and 1 PM daily for a shift change and reset. IDs are NOT required.

- [Elev8 Fun, Citrus Park Mall](#), 7902 Citrus Park Town Center Mall, Tampa, FL 33625
- [HCC Brandon](#), 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr., Tampa, FL 33619
- [Gibsonton Walmart](#), 9205 Gibsonton Dr., Gibsonton, FL 33534
- [431 19th Avenue NE, Ruskin](#), FL 33570 (Former Kmart parking lot)

Hillsborough County Comfort Stations

Comfort stations offer showers, restrooms, and washers and dryers for laundry. Hot food or boxed meals will be available at lunch and dinner times.

Sites are open daily from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. until further notice.

- **Progress Village Senior Center**, 8701 Progress Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619
- **Skyway Sports Complex & Park**, 3901 George Rd., Tampa, FL 33634
- **Barksdale Center**, located at 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL 33607
- **Hillsborough Avenue and Hanley Road in Town N Country**, 7501 W. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL, 33615
 - *Residents who need transportation assistance to and from the comfort station should call (833) HC STORM or (833) 427-8676, the County's Storm Information and Helpline

Hillsborough County Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

The Disaster Recovery Center is open to individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits seeking assistance or needing help in completing applications after being impacted by Hurricanes Milton, Helene, and Debby. FEMA representatives will be in attendance to assist. Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 1 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., then daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through Tuesday, Oct. 22

- **Barksdale Center**, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL 33607

City of Tampa PODs

The drive-through PODs are handing out supplies including water, MREs, and ice. PODs will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and will stay open daily for up to a week, as long as there are supplies.

- **Gandy Boat Ramp**, 5108 W Gandy Blvd
- **Al Lopez Park**, 4280 N. Himes Ave
- **Babe Zaharias Golf Course**, 11412 N. Forest Hills Drive, 33612
- **Copeland Park**, 11001 N. 15th St. 33612

[City of Temple Terrace Resources](#)

[Plant City Resources](#)

FEMA

- Check eligibility criteria and apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

Food

- Feeding Tampa Bay: <https://feedingtampabay.org/findfood>
- SNAP for CURRENT SNAP recipients who lost food due to power outage, flooding: myflfamilies.com/Milton

Housing Resources:

- Clean-up Hotline: 844-956-1386
- Habitat for Humanity: 813-239-2248
- Hope Bus (debris removal and clean-up) 1-833-GET-HOPE
- Hotel Stays for Income eligible residents of Unincorporated Hillsborough County, Plant City and Temple Terrace, who have been displaced due to Hurricane Milton may be eligible to receive temporary hotel assistance. For further details and eligibility requirements, please call (813) 675-3450.

- Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay: <https://www.rttb.org/>

Legal:

Bay area Legal Services is a nonprofit legal aid organization that provides services to residents in the Tampa Bay area. Services provided include free civil legal aid programs to disaster survivors with related issues. The hotline is available 24 hours a day. Visit <https://bals.org/> or call 833-514-2940

Mental Health & Substance Misuse

- Crisis Center: call 2-1-1 or visit <https://www.crisiscenter.com>
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990
- Hope for Healing navigates the many ways Floridians can access help for mental health and substance abuse in the face of disasters: <https://www.hopeforhealingfl.com>

Small Business Assistance:

- Florida SBDC at Hillsborough County disaster recovery specialists are available to provide confidential, no-cost consulting to help affected businesses prepare disaster loan applications and with other post-disaster challenges. Florida SBDC disaster specialists work alongside SBA business loan specialists to provide information about available resources and assist businesses in completing state and federal disaster loan applications. The Florida SBDC at Hillsborough County can be reached weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM. Visit <https://hcfll.gov/businesses/small-business-support/resources-and-training/florida-sbdc-at-hillsborough-county> or call 813-277-1393
- The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan program provides short-term, zero-interest working capital loans intended to “bridge the gap” between the time disaster strikes and when a business has secured longer-term recovery funding, such as loans, insurance claims, or other resources. Short-term, personal loans are offered using State of Florida funds – they are not grants and must be repaid . Loans are available for up to \$50,000 per eligible applicant. To apply visit: <https://floridacommerce.my.site.com/RebuildFloridaBusinessLoanFund/s/loan-programs?program=emergency-bridge-loan> call 833-832-4494 or email EmergencyBridgeLoan@deo.myflorida.com

Transportation:

- **HART:** Effective immediately, HART Bus, HARTPlus, and HARTFlex are operating fare-free until October 21st, 2024. This initiative is designed to support the community during the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Milton.

Unemployment Assistance:

- **Florida Commerce:** For Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) - <https://floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/disaster-unemployment-assistance>

Additional resources:

- American Red Cross - Central Florida: <https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/central-florida/about-us/locations/tampa-bay.html>
- Met Ministries: <https://www.metromin.org>
- Teen Connect's hurricane relief resources blog: <https://www.teenconnecttampabay.org/post/resources-related-to-hurricane-milton>
- University Area CDC: <https://www.uacdc.org/disasteraid/>
- Salvation Army of Tampa: <https://tampa.salvationarmyflorida.org>
- Walmart offering essential supplies: <https://corporate.walmart.com/purpose/community/disaster-response/hurricane-milton>