

Replacing Lost or Damaged Documents in Louisiana

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Baton Rouge, La –Hurricane Laura may have resulted in the loss of important documents, but there are ways to replace them. Below is a list of some useful websites and telephone numbers:

- The governor's office has launched an online hub for Hurricane Laura information at hurricanelaura.la.gov, which highlight news and links to resources, including counseling services. People can also text LAURA to 67283.

Birth and Death Certificates:

Website: The Louisiana Department of Health State Registrar and Vital Records Office *Birth and Death Certificates:* <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2663>

Louisiana is a "closed record" state. This means that birth and death certificates are not public records. All requests for birth or death certificates must include [proper identification](#), appropriate [fees](#), and a completed [application](#).

- *Phone: Customer Service hotline: 504-593-5100 or email dhh-vitelweb@la.gov*

Louisiana Driver Licenses:

Due to COVID-19 the Office of Motor Vehicles is requiring an appointment to renew or replace your license. Please check online for a location near you; visit www.expresslane.org

Please note due to the aftermath of the storm, OMV locations in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes remain closed until further notice.

Marriage and Divorce Documents

The Louisiana Registrar and Vital Records office website is <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2687> and has a link to request a copy of a marriage certificate. The Registry cannot issue a certified copy of a divorce decree. To obtain a



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certified copy of a divorce decree please contact the clerk of court in the parish where the divorce was granted.

Green Cards:

Phone: 800-375-5283

<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/after-we-grant-your-green-card/replace-your-green-card>

Social Security Cards:

Phone: 800-772-1213

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

Identity Theft Resource Center:

Phone: 888-400-5530

Website: <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/>

Email: info@fightidentitytheft.com.

Medicare Cards:

Phone: 800-772-1213 (TTY **1-800-325-0778**)

Monday-Friday

from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; or

go to <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>

Federal Tax Returns:

- Internal Revenue Service tax relief for Hurricane Laura survivors includes expedited refunds or delayed tax filings for individuals and businesses.
- The IRS announced that survivors of Hurricane Laura have until Dec. 31, 2020, to file individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.
- Visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information.



Phone: 800-829-1040 TTY 800-822-4059

- Website: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/About-Form-4506T>

USDA Farm Services

- The Farm Services Agency offers a variety of loans and grants to help agricultural producers recover from production and physical losses that result from disasters.

Visit <https://www.farmers.gov/recover/disaster-tool#step-1>

Military Records:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as of June 24 the National Personnel Records Center entered into Phase One of a gradual reopening process. The center is currently only servicing emergency requests associated with medical treatments, burials, homeless veterans, VA Home loan guarantees, and employment opportunities. Their telephone number is unstaffed, so please log onto and apply on-line: [NPRC's operating status](#).

Insurance Documents:

Louisiana Department of Insurance

800-259-5300

225-342-5900

The Dept of Insurance's Storm Damage Resource Center has information to assist individuals and businesses that suffered damage in Hurricane Laura. Visit www.lidi.la.gov for answers to insurance questions or to dispute an insurance settlement

National Archives Records:

Phone: 866-272-6272

Website: <https://www.archives.gov/preservation/records-emergency>

Website: Saving family records: <https://www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives>

To request legal help through FEMA Disaster Legal Services call 1-800-310-7029 or visit www.fema.gov or www.disasterlegalaid.org

