

Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Manatee County

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LAKE MARY, Fla. – The [State of Florida](#) and [FEMA](#) are operating a Disaster Recovery Center in Manatee County to provide one-on-one help to people affected by Hurricane Idalia.

The location is:

- **Rubonia Community Center, 1309 72nd St. E, Palmetto, FL**, Saturday, Sept. 23, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. then 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

Currently open fixed sites:

- **Citrus County:** West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W Veterans Dr., Homosassa, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (effective Sept. 25: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon–Sat, closed Sunday)
- **Columbia County:** 180 E Duval St. Lake City, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Dixie County:** Dixie County Public Library, 16328 SE US-19, Cross City, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon–Sat, closed Sundays
- **Gilchrist County:** Bell Community Center, 1219 N Main St., Bell, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Hamilton County:** 1153 NW US Hwy 41, Jasper, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (beginning Monday, 9/25, the hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily)
- **Hernando County:** Hernando Public Library-Spring Hill Branch, 9220 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Jefferson County:** Jefferson County Library, 375 S Water St., Monticello, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Lafayette County:** Mayo Community Center, 150 NW Community Cir., Mayo, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Levy County:** Cedar Key Fire Station parking lot, 489 1st St., Cedar Key, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon–Fri, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat (Closed Sunday, Sept. 24, then new schedule begins Monday, Sept. 25 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon – Sat. Closed Sundays)



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- **Levy County:** Inglis Community Center, 137 Hwy 40 W, Inglis, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (Closed Sunday, Sept. 24, then new schedule begins Monday, Sept. 25 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon – Sat. Closed Sundays)
- **Madison County:** Career Source North Florida, 705 E Base St., Madison, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
- **Pinellas County:** Palm Harbor CSA, 1500 16th St., Palm Harbor, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Pinellas County:** Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Suwannee County:** Agricultural Coliseum Exhibition Building 2, 1302 SW 11 St., Live Oak, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **Taylor County:** Steinhatchee Community Center, 1013 S. Riverside Dr., Steinhatchee, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

No appointment is necessary to visit a Disaster Recovery Center. Residents are welcome to visit any open DRC, you don't have to reside in that county.

Disaster Recovery Centers provide disaster survivors with information from Florida state agencies, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Survivors can get help applying for federal assistance, learn about the types of assistance available, learn about the appeals process and get updates on applications.

In addition to visiting a center, people can apply by going online to DisasterAssistance.gov, using the [FEMA mobile app](#) or calling 800-621-3362, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET every day. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. The deadline to apply with FEMA is Oct. 30, 2023.

Disaster Recovery Centers are accessible to people with disabilities. They have assistive technology equipment that allows disaster survivors to interact with staff. Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

FEMA Individual Assistance can help with temporary lodging expenses, basic home repairs and other essential disaster-related needs.



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For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Idalia, visit floridadisaster.org/updates/ and fema.gov/disaster/4734. Follow FEMA on X, formerly known as Twitter, at twitter.com/femaregion4 and at facebook.com/fema.



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