

Hurricane Milton Relief Resources

Resources for Food/Water/Clothing/Supplies-

Comfort Station

- Progress Village Senior Center
8701 Progress Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619
- Skyway Sports Complex & Park
3901 George Rd., Tampa

Hillsborough County, in conjunction with the National Guard, opened a comfort station to help residents affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

The site will open Oct. 14 and then operate daily [from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.](#) until further notice. The comfort station will offer showers, restrooms, washers and dryers for laundry, and a cooling tent. Hot food or boxed meals will be available at lunch and dinner times. Residents who need transportation assistance to and from the comfort station should call (833) HC STORM or [\(833\) 427-8676](#) daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hillsborough County PODs

Hillsborough County, in conjunction with the National Guard, has opened three points of distribution (POD) throughout the county to help residents affected by Hurricane Milton. PODs are drive through relief areas where residents can pick up water, tarps for protecting homes, and meals. The PODs allow residents to obtain these items without having to leave their vehicles.

The sites will be open [7 AM to 7 PM](#), for the foreseeable future. All pod sites will close [between noon and 1 PM](#) daily for a shift change and reset.

- 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)

No IDs will be required at the PODs.

Clothing and Food Sites

- MC - Tampa Core Revival Ctr
6616 E. Chelsea St. Tampa, FL 33610
Open: Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm, Dinner 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Sal. Army - Plant City Thonotossa
5202 Thonotosassa Rd, Plant City, FL 33565
Open 1pm - 6pm
- Sal. Army - Valrico Centerpoint Church
1720 S St Cloud Ave, Valrico FL 33594
Open 1pm - 6pm (or until supplies last)
- Riverside Recovery - 4004 N Riverside Dr, Tampa

Open 12pm - 6pm

Other Food sites

Feeding Tampa Bay

Provides hot meals and/or nonperishables

Locations and hours vary daily

813-710-9003

<https://feedingtampabay.org/> or text FTBFYI to (833) 530-3663

First Baptist Church Plant City

3309 James L. Redman Parkway, Plant City

<https://www.fbcpc.com/updates>

813-752-4104

Tuesday through Friday from 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Waters Avenue Church

609 W. Waters Ave. Tampa, FL 33604

Open: 12pm - 4 pm

Boricuas de Corazon

1291 Kingsway Rd. Brandon, FL 33510

954-496-1463

Open: 10am to 7pm

Disaster Relief Team & CERT (boricuasdecorazoninc.com)

Metropolitan Ministries

Multiple Locations

813-209-1000

<https://www.metromin.org/get-help/>

United Food Bank

2001 East Cherry Street , Plant City, FL, United States, Florida

(813) 764-0625

mheysek@ufbpc.org

Open: 12pm – 3pm; drive through only, first come, first serve (until supplies last).

City of Tampa- (2 locations)

- Gandy Boat Ramp, 5108 W Gandy Blvd., Tampa
 - Al Lopez Park, 4810 N Himes Ave., Tampa
 - Babe Zaharias Golf Course, 11412 N Forest Hills Drive, Tampa
 - Copeland Park, 11001 N 15th St., Tampa
- Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the week

Other clothing resources

Hidden Gem Consignment is offering free clothes and toys for the next few weeks from its four storage units.

Applicants are asked to provide:

- Names and ages of all household members
- Address where items were damaged
- One photo of damages

Text to request an appointment- 863-602-0200

ECHO of Brandon (Emergency Care Help Organization)

507 N Parsons Ave. Brandon, FL 33510

Phone: [813.685.0935](tel:813.685.0935)

Open: Monday through Friday

9:00am - 1:00pm

Tuesdays evenings 5pm-7pm

Serving the following zip code area:

33510, 33511, 33527, 33584, 33592, 33594, 33596, 33610

Laundry and Showers

Walmart Supercenter #547

2602 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, FL 33566

Walmart Supercenter #5964

1720 E Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL 33610

Personal Hygiene Products

Comfort Station

Progress Village Senior Center

8701 Progress Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619

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HC STORM or [833.427-8676](tel:833.427.8676) daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Disco Dolls Salon

4220 N Florida Ave

1+(813) 641-4367

https://www.instagram.com/p/DBFD1kmR1bi/igsh=cTdzZ3ZkMWwxbHls&img_index=2

Walmart Supercenter
9205 Gibsonton Dr, Gibsonton, FL 33534
<https://corporate.walmart.com/purpose/community/disaster-response/hurricane-milton>

Baby Products

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1291 Kingsway Rd. Brandon, FL 33510
954-496-1463
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Open: M-F 10am - 7pm (call ahead)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway, Plant City
<https://www.fbcpc.com/updates>
813.752.4104
Thursdays starting at 11:30 (until supplies last)

Medical Support

South Bay Hospital (Sun City Center)
813-634-3301
<https://southbayhospital.com/>

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1291 Kingsway Rd. Brandon, FL 33510
954-496-1463
Disaster Relief Team & CERT (boricuasdecorazoninc.com)

Sun City Center Emergency Squad
Emergency medical transport and assistance
Phone: (813) 634-3800
<https://sccems.com/>

Housing Resources-

Shelters

State Run: Tampa - Seminole Hard Rock
5223 Orient Rd
Tampa, FL 33610

State Run: Wesley - Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus
3021 Sports Coast Way
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
Pasco Field Hospital
18776 State Road 54
Lutz, Florida 33558.

Lyft has activated the Lyft Up Disaster Response Program to provide free and discounted rides to help those in affected areas travel to and from designated shelters with critical resources. Riders can use **code MILTONRELIEF24** for two rides up to \$25 to and from state-approved shelters.

Temporary Housing/ Financial Assistance

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Residents impacted by Hurricane Milton can now apply for aid through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Programs available are:

- [Individual Assistance](#) - Assistance to individuals and households (Deadline to apply is [Dec. 11, 2024](#))
- [Public Assistance](#) - Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities (Categories A&B)
- [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) - Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards

The programs provide financial and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by Hurricane Milton. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs, supplement disaster recovery efforts, emergency work assistance, replacement of disaster-damaged facilities, and mitigation assistance. Residents who need long-term housing are encouraged to apply for individual assistance with FEMA as soon as possible.

Hillsborough County residents who were impacted by Hurricane Milton can apply for FEMA assistance if they have uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs, according to FEMA. However, FEMA assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster.

To apply for FEMA assistance:

- Visit [Disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov). From this page you can review the application process, apply for Individual Assistance, and check the status of your application.

For application help:

- Call the FEMA Helpline, [\(800\) 621-3362](tel:8006213362), [7 a.m. to 10 p.m.](#), seven days a week.
- For technical support or site errors, call the Internet Help Desk, [\(800\) 745-0243](tel:8007450243), [7 a.m. to 10 p.m.](#), seven days a week.

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Organization also provides: Personal hygiene products, food/water, medical assistance, and baby products

Metropolitan Ministries

Multiple Locations

813-209-1000

<https://www.metromin.org/get-help/>

Red Cross Hotline is open to assist survivors: 1-800-Red Cross ([733-2767](tel:733-2767))

- This includes financial, sheltering, reunification, and transitional support.

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB)

RTTB's mission is to revitalize communities by repairing critically damaged homes and helping neighbors rebuild their lives. RTTB repairs homes damaged in disaster and provides affordable housing for residents. RTTB's priority is to provide those in need with safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

Phone: (813) 878-9000

Temporary Shelters Allowed on Residential Property

Hillsborough County residents who have been displaced due to Hurricane Milton are allowed to place temporary shelter on their residential property. According to Florida Statutes 553.7922, temporary shelters can remain on the property for up to three years after the date of the storm's emergency declaration or until a certificate of occupancy is issued on the permanent residential structure on the property. A state of emergency was declared on Oct. 6, 2024. Temporary shelters include a recreational vehicle, trailer, or similar structure.

Hotel Stays

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**.

Flooded Areas with Well Water and Septic Systems

Hillsborough County residents who utilize wells and are in doubt about their water supply should follow local or state health department drinking and bathing advisories.

Further, septic drain fields will not work until underground water has receded, so septic systems should not be used immediately after floods. Septic lines may have been broken during flooding or other storms. Contact a local plumber or septic service immediately.

For information on long-term water quality conditions in the area or information on home water treatment devices, contact the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County at **(850) 245-4250** or email at AskEH@flhealth.gov. Residents can also reach out to the Water Quality Association (WQA) at **(630) 505-0160** for assistance.

Damage Reporting Form

The Hurricane Damage Reporting Form is designed to help Hillsborough County officials connect residents with local recovery resources. Homeowners and owners/renters of agricultural properties, nonprofits, and houses of worship should complete this form, which will help County staff communicate resident needs to local partners, such as American Red Cross, Feeding Tampa Bay, Metropolitan Ministries, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay, and more.

[HCFL.gov/DamageAssessment](https://www.hcfl.gov/DamageAssessment)

Residents who need assistance in completing the form should call (833) HC-STORM or 833-427-8676, the County's Customer Service & Support storm information line.

This County assessment form IS NOT a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) application. To register with FEMA, visit DisasterAssistance.gov. Please keep in mind that completing this form DOES NOT replace a business or homeowner's insurance claim, nor does it serve as an application for resources.

For Home Repairs

Federal Emergency Management Agency
1-800-621-3362
disasterassistance.gov

For Debris Cleanup

Refer to: <https://hcfl.gov/residents/stay-safe/storm-recovery-resources/hurricane-milton-recovery-resources/cleanup-resources-hurricane-milton-recovery>

Crisis Cleanup Hotline

844-965-1386

Assistance is always free and may include:

- Debris removal
- Tree removal
- Muck & Gut flooded home
- Mold remediation
- & more cleanup assistance

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief

609 W Waters Ave, Tampa, FL 33604
<https://www.instagram.com/pDA64JhQSjaU/>
Open: 12pm - 4 pm

Florida Baptists Disaster Relief Public Assistance: [904-253-0502](tel:904-253-0502) or text Helene to 27123

- Free Assistance for homeowners affected by the disaster.
- Volunteers may be able to assist with Storm Debris Cleanup, Temporary Roof Tarping, Chainsaw work and Muck outs

Samaritan's Purse hotline: [1-833-747-1234](tel:1-833-747-1234)

- Free Assistance for homeowners affected by the disaster.
- Volunteers may be able to assist with removal of personal property and furniture, flood cleanup, sanitizing with shockwave treatment, chainsaw work & Debris Clean-up, temporary roof tarping.

Hope Florida is also here to assist survivors of Helene and Milton with home repairs, cleaning up their area, finding food and more. Call 833-300-HOPE or visit hopeflorida.com to sign up for help after the hurricane.

Emotional Support-

Disaster Distress Helpline

Virtual

1-800-985-5990

<https://www.cdc.gov/natural-disasters/psa-toolkit/disaster-distress-hotline.html>

Legal Support-

Legal Aid Hotline

866-550-2929

Bay Area Legal Services

This nonprofit legal aid organization 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. Florida Disaster Legal Aid Helpline: [\(833\) 514-2940](tel:8335142940)

Free fuel distribution sites-

- Plant City Stadium
 - 1810 S Park Rd, Plant City
- East Bay Raceway
 - 6311 Burts Rd, Tampa
- Wiregrass Mall [10 a.m. - 7 p.m.]
 - 28211 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel

The sites will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a limit of 10 gallons per vehicle.