2011 Massachusetts Tornado: Resource Guide

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MA

First Congregational Church of Brimfield

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church – Disaster Response/Recovery

20 Main St, Brimfield, MA

Phone (413) 245–7162, Pastor's cell: (508) 317–6568
Contact Reverend Mr. Ian Lynch
Email BrimfieldUCC @ gmail . com
Web www.brimfieldfcc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 days, 2–3 people; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Congregational Church

Updated Jun 27, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8678

MEMA HQ (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency)

Info/Hotline · Open

State/Fed

400 Worcester Road (Route 9 Eastbound), Framingham, MA 01702

Phone (508) 820–2000
Web www.mass.gov/mema
Hours 24x7
Service Temporary

January 2015 Press release, w/contact info and tips for staying warm: http://www.mass211.org/librarydocs/NewsReleaseDuringtheStormJan2015.pdf

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The MEMA site has excellent preparedness data, as well as a list of local Emergency Management Directors. Don't miss the Family Communications Plan, listed on the lower right hand side. Fill it out so that your family will have peronsal identification information, contact information and medical information on hand.

Headquarters Directions (see regional HQ directions below)
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 Eastbound)
Framingham,MA 01702–5399
Tel: (508) 820–2000
From the West: Take Mass Pike East to Exit 12 (Framingham Route 9). Travel approximately 5 miles to MA State Police Headquarters on the right, immediately followed by MEMA. MEMA is marked by several tall communications towers on the grounds. Enter through the next driveway. MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the East: Take Mass Pike West to Exit 13 (Natick/Framingham Route 30). Take Route 30 West towards Framingham and drive for approximately 2 miles going through all lights until end. Route 30 intersects into Route 9 Westbound. Take right onto Route 9 Westbound. (Note that the MEMA communication towers are visible across Route 9 on the Eastbound side.) Continue approximately .5 mile on Route 9 Westbound. Turn right into Whole Foods Bread & Circus parking lot to turn around. Take left from Whole Foods Bread & Circus onto Prospect Street. Take a left at the lights heading Eastbound on Route 9. MEMA is approximately .5 mile on the right. Enter through the driveway.MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the South: Take Route 128 (95) North to Route 9 West (Exit 20B). Follow Route 9 for approximately 8 miles. MEMA is on the Eastbound side of Route 9 and is marked by several tall communications towers; take your next right into the Whole Foods Bread & Circus parking lot to turn around. Take left out of Whole Foods Bread & Circus onto Prospect Street. Take a left at the lights heading Eastbound on Route 9. MEMA is approximately .5 mile on the right. Enter the driveway.MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the North: Take Route 93 South to Route 128 (95). Follow above directions.

Region 1 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 1
365 East St. Tewksbury, MA. 01876
Tel: (978) 328–1500

From: Boston: 93N to exit 42 Dascomb Road. Left onto East Street to end 2 miles. Left onto long driveway.

From:Framingham: Route 495N to exit 38. Go left off the exit, go straight there will be a Shell Gas Station on the left. Go left which will put the library on your right. Take the 1st entrance, stay on the road and take the 3rd left into parking lot B – Park in lot A. Region 1 is located in a beige trailor.

Region 2 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 2
12 I Rear, Administration Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324–0054
Tel: (508) 697–3111

128 to 24S to exit 14A. 495S to exit 6 (44E). 18N at rotary. Right at Binky's, left onto Titicut.

Region 3 & 4 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 3 & 4
7 Berkshire Avenue
Belchertown, MA 01007–8900
Tel: (413) 323–6306

Take the Mass Pike to Exit 7 (Belchertown, Ludlow).
At the end of ramp, take a right onto Route 21.
Follow Route 21 until it ends in Belchertown.
Take a right onto Route 202.
At the flashing yellow light, take a left onto the old Belchertown State School grounds. Follow the road (there will be signs that say MEMA, Area III on your right) and take your third left.
Follow this road until you are behind a school, with a dirt parking lot to your right. MEMA, Region III is located on the ground floor entrance to the left (there will be a large metal sign on the stone wall and a blue sign underneath an overhang, directly in front of you.).
If you need further assistance please contact the Region 3 staff at the following phone number: (413) 323–6306
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Jan 27, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/499

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Warehouse · Open

Food Bank
97 North Hatfield Road, Hatfield, MA 01038
Phone 413–247–9738
Web www.foodbankwma.org

The mission of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is to work with our community to reduce hunger and increase food security.

Executive Director: Andrew Morehouse
Email: andrewm@secondharvest.org
Web Site: www.foodbankwma.org
Media Contact: Megan Pete
Title: Director of Development
Phone: 413–247–9738 x117
Email: meganp@foodbankwma.org

Community Supported Agriculture farms (CSAs) are supported by members who buy a share in the farm and receive fresh, organic produce throughout the season. The Food Bank Farm is one of the largest and most efficient CSAs in the country and the first with the primary mission of helping to feed those in need.

The Harvest Season

Each week, from June through October, shareholders bring home a bounty of freshly picked organic produce. From gourmet salad greens and heirloom tomatoes to our delicious carrots, squash and sweet red peppers, the farm raises more than 250 varieties of vegetables, flowers and herbs.

Uncompromised Quality
At the Food Bank Farm, we harvest your vegetables the same day you pick them up. We select all of our varieties for superior flavor, rather than how they look. Supermarket varieties are chosen for their uniformity and ability to be shipped long distance, using millions of gallons of gasoline. This is not only destructive to our environment, it also compromises the nutritional value and flavor of your food. Join the Food Bank Farm and eat tomatoes and melons grown solely for taste – you will notice the difference.

Beyond the Season
In both November and December you will receive a month's supply of storage crops. These will include carrots, beets, winter squash, cabbage, leeks, rutabagas, and more.

U–Pick Vegetables
There are some crops that you can U–Pick. These vary from year to year but will always include: Green beans, strawberries, sugar snap peas, more than 20 types of herbs (including 3 kinds of basil!), plum and cherry tomatoes. U–pick is generally unlimited; you take what you need. Some years, when a crop performs poorly, we impose limits on one or two crops.

U–pick Flowers
We also offer unlimited U–pick on our "Acre of Flowers". We raise a spectacular assortment of more than 50 different flower varieties. This is by far one of the most popular spots on the farm. One of the farmers' favorite things to do is watch members quietly cutting their bouquets against the backdrop of Holyoke Range; we know they will bring the farm's beauty back home.

The bounty will be picked, washed and ready for you to collect at your weekly pick up. There is no work requirement on your part. Of course, the farmers love it when members show up to lend a hand and you are invited to do so anytime.

Other Local Products
In addition to the produce included in your membership, the farm also makes available a wide assortment of fresh local products: organic sour dough bread baked in a brick oven, local and organic eggs, tofu, goat cheese, tempeh, miso, our own dressings, granola, tasty baked goods, organic and low spray fruit, naturally raised beef, lamb and chicken, fresh pasta, and biodegradable detergents. We even sell a soap which is made locally by bicycle powered equipment!

The Food Bank Farm is about building community. On your weekly pick–up you will see where your food comes from and meet the folks who grow it. You will experience the harmony of the seasons. The farm is a great place to bring kids, meet your neighbors, and celebrate a way of farming that nurtures the land that supports us all.

At the same time you enjoy your bounty, your membership helps the farm raise healthy organic produce for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Over the last five years, the farm has produced more than 900,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank and its member agencies. Share the Harvest!

A Farm Share feeds a family of 3–5 and is $460 for the season. A Farm Share Plus feeds 5–7 and costs $615. According to an independent study, a share costs less than half of what you would pay for the same amount of organic produce in a supermarket.

Call (413) 582–0013
For general farm questions, e–mail foodbankfarm@yahoo.com
For membership and billing questions, e–mail foodbankfarmmembers@yahoo.com

Other Services:

Finding the Help You Need
For information about food assistance, heating oil, housing, health care, and much more, call one of the following numbers:

First Call for Help (Franklin County) 413–774–2318
First Call for Help (Hampshire County) 413–582–4237 or 1–800–339–7779
Help Line (Hampden County, Granby, S. Hadley) 413–737–2712
Food Stamps
Find out if you qualify for food stamps at www.gettingfoodstamps.org. This Web site provides a confidential calculator that will allow you to determine your eligibility and estimate your benefit and offers information and support to help you complete the application process successfully.

Food Stamp Benefits
Families, individuals and elders who meet income rules can get food stamp benefits. Food stamp benefits help buy nutritious food. Food stamp benefits can give you extra money for other things you need, like prescription medicines, fuel for your home or dependent care.

There are several ways to apply for food stamp benefits.

To get more information about food stamp benefits and to get an application, call the Department of Transitional Assistance at (866) 950–FOOD. You may also get information about the Food Stamp Program by visiting the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dta.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. The general phone number for WIC is 1–800–WIC–1007, (1–800–942–1007). The website for WIC is http://www.mass.gov/wic. You may also contact your local WIC office:

Berkshire County North (413) 445–9429
Berkshire County South (413) 528–0457
Franklin County/North Quabbin (413) 376–1160
Hampshire County (413) 584–3591
Holyoke/Chicopee (413) 534–2460

Springfield North (413) 737–8868
Springfield South (413) 693–1029

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Agriculture School, Plant Stock; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Jobs, Paying; Meals, Brown Bag Program (for Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Recycling, Food; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Women's Services
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
Updated Oct 17, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1560

First Church of Monson – 6/2011 MA Tornado – DONATION DROP SITE LOCATION

Donor · Open

3 High Street, Monson, MA
Phone (413) 267–3312
Web www.firstchurchmonson.org
Service Temporary

FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGE:

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR MONSON CLEAN UP

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

1. plastic bins, boxes
2. large trash bags
3. work gloves
4. chainsaws and chainsaw parts: blades, chains, sharpeners, bar oil, 2–cycle oil
5. tarps to cover damaged roof until repairs can be made
6. debris moving equipment, tractors, backhoes etc.

LESSER NEEDED ITEMS:

dust masks
gas containers
trash barrels

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bottled water
sunscreen/sunblock
bug spray/insect repellent
generators
hats
large ziplock bags for small items
5 gallon buckets

Salvation Army is taking care of food at the First Church so don't worry about food.

Red Cross is running the shelter at Quarry Hill Community School.

NOTE: People do not need clothing right now, they do not have anywhere to put any clothing they receive and it is not a top priority for them. Just hold onto the clothes for the future!

THERE IS A DROP OF LOCATION OF SUPPLIES AT THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON AS WELL AS MEMORIES AND MORE IN PALMER. For the addresses of these locations just look them up on facebook.

Services offered: Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8542

Monson United Methodist Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

162 Main St., Monson, MA
Phone (413) 267–3798
Service Temporary

Sign posted on site: 6/26/11

Food, water, clothing

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)

Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; United Methodist Church
Updated Jun 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8674

Town of Monson EMA, Tornado Recovery Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

110 Main Street, Monson, MA

Phone (413)267–3869 Mobile (413)454–5163
Contact Kathleen Conley Norbut, M.Ed., LMHC
Email kcnorbut @ yahoo . com
Web www.monson–ma.gov/public_documents/MonsonMA_BBoard/030CCA35–000F8513
Service Temporary

form website:

If you are concerned and want information about tornado recovery in Monson, please attend this important meeting.
All Monson residents are invited to attend Informational Meeting - Tornado Damage Recovery

Where: Quarry Hill School, 43 Margaret Street, Monson, MA
When: Friday, June 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Who: FEMA, Red Cross, National Grid, Town Officials, Massachusetts Fire Chaplains

Why: Get facts from public safety officials about what happened, find status of power restoration in town, information about FEMA assistance, how to safely remove building debris, and how that is different from tree wood waste, guidance from the Building Commissioner about how to proceed with repairs to your home, plans for re–opening school and high school graduation, how to help your neighbors, how the town will maintain its services, and to answer any other questions residents may have.

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8537

UU Church Destroyed, Donate Directly

Info/Hotline · Open

Church
177 Main Street, Monson, MA

Phone (413)267–3152 (617) 953–6502
Contact Reverend Darrick Jackson
Email uupm @ uupm . org
Web www.uupm.org/contactus.php
Service Temporary

from the website:

We are conveniently located right near downtown, at the corner of Main Street/Route 32 and Lincoln.

GLB friendly

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8533

American Red Cross, Pioneer Valley Chapter – 5/11 MA Tornado (VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CTR.)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Red Cross
506 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104

Phone 413–737–4306
Web www.redcrosscwm.org/general.asp?SN=6466&OP=8195&IDCapitulo=B55LB113WJ
Service Temporary

"Individuals interested in volunteering must present in person at the Pioneer Valley Chapter headquarters at 506 Cottage Street in Springfield starting at 9am on Thursday morning, June 2. Volunteer candidates will be required to fill out an application, be screened for interest and available opportunities, and complete a background check."

Vol center: American Red Cross Pioneer Valley Chapter at 506 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. For further information about the work of the Pioneer Valley Chapter, please visit www.redcrosscwm.org or call 413–737–4306.

RC Updates: http://newsroom.redcross.org/

posted at: http://www.wmmrc.org/

American Red Cross requesting Medical Reserve Corps assistance

Dear MRC Unit Leaders,

The American Red Cross has requested assistance. ARC is facing significant gaps in staffing for shelters in the gulf area, for current operations with the tornadoes as well as anticipated operations for flooding. The pool of local ARC volunteers has been tapped, but is insufficient. ARC is currently looking for licensed or certified health and mental health volunteers who may be willing, able and approved to deploy as a ARC volunteer to support general shelter operations. ARC health/mental training is a plus, but they are willing to take individuals without the training (and will provide just in time training). Note: This is not a Federal or State deployment of MRC volunteers. This is a voluntary activation to support a partner organization.

If you have volunteers that you would approve for deployment, please tell them to contact the local Red Cross chapter (www.redcross.org) to begin the activation process and to receive just–in–time training. Note that these MRC volunteers must meet the following Red Cross eligibility criteria. For Disaster Health Services the individual must:

a. Have an active and unrestricted license (i.e. RN, LPN, LVN, NP, EMT, MD, DO) AND b. Current CPR For Disaster Mental Health the individual must: a. Have an active and unrestricted independent license and masters degree as a clinical social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, psychiatric nurse, or psychiatrist OR b. Have an active and unrestricted state license/certification and masters degree as a school psychologist or school counselor OR c. Have an active and unrestricted state license and a bachelors degree (BSN) as a registered nurse and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification in mental health nursing ARC has agreed to accommodate groups who wish to deploy together. Any questions should be directed to the local ARC chapter. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to help.

For more information contact:

Brenda Brouillette
Emergency Service Director – Western MA
Deputy Director – Chapter Services
American Red Cross
Pioneer Valley Chapter
506 Cottage Street
Springfield, MA 01104
413–233–1005 (direct)
413–265–0683 (cell)
413–785–0929 (fax)
www.redcrosscwm.org

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Reception Center, VRC
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; American Red Cross
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8523

MSPCA–Western New England Animal Care and Adoption Center

Animal Shelter · Open

Springfield, MA

Contact MSPCA–Western New England Animal Care and Adoption Center
Email ebernard@mspca.org
Web www.mspca.org/wne
Serves Springfield, MA
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

MSPCA Assists with Tornado Relief

MSPCA Assists with Tornado Relief Efforts for Displaced Animals

MSPCA at Nevins Farm Takes in 12 Dogs and 5 Guinea Pigs from Hard–Hit Springfield Shelters

METHUEN Mass., June 2, 2011,– The MSPCA at Nevins Farm is opening its doors to a number of homeless dogs from shelters in the Springfield area, in an effort to alleviate the strain placed on those facilities after yesterday's tornadoes. Both the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center and the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society are transferring dogs to the MSPCA, allowing them to address an overflow of stray animals and requests from displaced citizens who need assistance in housing their owned animals.

Six dogs arrived this morning from the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center and are currently being evaluated by MSPCA staff. An additional six dogs are expected to arrive shortly from Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, along with five guinea pigs that are available for immediate adoption. The staff hopes to have some of the dogs available for adoption as soon as this weekend.

“The MSPCA stands ready to assist wherever and whenever needed,” said Mike Keiley, Director of the MSPCA’s Noble Family Animal Care and Adoption Center. “The MSPCA at Nevins Farm is fortunate to have flexible space and a dedicated group of volunteers and staff willing to put in extra effort to support other shelters and our community when a natural disaster affects companion animals. We are always willing to assist our shelter partners whenever there is a need to relocate animals in an emergency.” Keiley added that the MSPCA facility is also designated as an American Red Cross relief partner in instances of natural disasters and emergency response efforts.

In addition to providing support to the affected animal shelters of Springfield, the MSPCA at Nevins Farm’s Equine Ambulances are currently on stand–by to assist with the transport of any equines injured in the tornadoes in the western part of the state. The Equine Ambulance is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through veterinary referral.

Keiley is hopeful that many of the transferred dogs will find homes this weekend, allowing the adoption center the opportunity to take in more animals from affected shelters. For those interested in adoption of these and other animals, visit www.mspca.org/adoption to learn about the adoption process, or call (978)687–7453 ext. 6101.

FROM THE SITE:

Residents of Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, West Springfield and Hampden:
If you have found a stray or injured animal, please call Thomas J. O’Connor (TJO) Animal Control and Adoption Center on Cottage Street in Springfield for assistance at 413–781–1484.

Residents Outside TJO's Service Areas:
To assist stray or injured animals found outside the service areas for Thomas J. O’Connor, please contact the animal control officer for the city or town where the animal was found. That number is available through the police department.

Surrenders:
People with a need to relinquish their own pet may call other MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Centers for help.

Additional animal shelters in western Massachusetts include:

Dakin Pioneer Valley Human Society (DPVHS)
Greenfield/Amherst area
413–781–4000
http://www.dpvhs.org/

Berkshire Humane Society in Pittsfield
413–447–7878
http://www.berkshirehumane.org/

These facilities have varying guidelines regarding the acceptance of animals. It is imperative to contact them in advance of surrender.

Reporting Cruelty:
People concerned about the treatment or care of an animal are encouraged to report suspected cruelty or neglect to MSPCA Law Enforcement at 1–800–628–5808. The MSPCA Law Enforcement department will remain in western Massachusetts. Calls will be answered Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/mspcaangell

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Medical, Ambulance, Equines; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8548

OES (Office of Emergency Preparedness), Springfield, MA

Info/Hotline · Open

OEM – Office of Emergency Preparedness
Raymond M. Sullivan Public Safety Complex; 1212 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104
Phone 413.787.6720 / Fax: 413.787.6735 / Emergency number: 413.846.6226
Web www.springfieldcityhall.com/COS/index.php?id=dept_emergency
Service Temporary

rhassett @ springfieldcityhall.com

Services offered: Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8528

Springfield Partners for Community Action – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes (DONATION DROP SITE & DISTRIBUTION)

Supply POD · Open

MAIN OFFICE:; 721 State Street, Second Floor; (Donations dropped at rear of bldg.), Springfield, MA

Phone 413-263-6500
Web www.springfieldpartnersinc.com
Service Temporary

This organization is distributing relief supplies for survivors of the 6/2/11 Tornadoes in MA. Check their website for updated information about distribution dates and details.

FROM THE SITE:

BREAKING NEWS
Springfield Partners and The Food Bank of Western Mass. will again distribute food, water and personal care items on Monday to those in need of food due to the tornado.

Distribution will again be in the rear parking lot of Springfield Partners 721 State St. offices (use Monroe Street, next to the rear entrance of Walgreen's), on Monday June 6 from 2:30 p.m. until about 5 p.m.

We are seeking donations of water and personal hygiene items. Items may be dropped off after 8 a.m. Monday morning at the rear entrance of 721 State.

Springfield Partners also has beds & mattresses (twin and bunk) available for distribution; to make a pickup appointment please call 413-263-6500.

Services offered: Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Donations, Drop-Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Furniture, Bed, Bunk Bed; Furniture, Mattress * (ANY/ALL Types of Mattresses) ; Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Weatherization Services; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; Computers for Western Mass [reorganizing 2011 data, please ignore]
Updated Aug 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8544

2011 MA Tornado – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

(MAVOAD) –
One year after the June 1st Tornado tore through parts of western Massachusetts there are still unmet needs as families seek to rebuild their lives. Three Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) formed in the hardest hit areas and have been coordinating essential assistance for those impacted. These largely volunteer-led collaborations have been providing for the needs of individuals and families while they continue to recover from the storm.

In coordination with FEMA, Massachusetts Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (MAVOAD) is seeking additional help for these individuals and families. Continuing needs include skilled laborers, committed volunteers, office space and financial donations which can immediately be applied to critical needs. For those interested in providing support please contact Boston Cares at disasterrelief@bostoncares.org or 617.420.2298.

For individual interviews and more detailed statistics in each area please contact:
http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/local-volunteer-groups-request-support.html

Tornado recovery center to open on March 15
March 14, 2012
http://www.thereminder.com/localnews/westspringfield/tornadorecoverycen/

July 1, 2011
http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2011/story-of-the-day/massachusetts-recovers-after.html

6/2/11
MEMA's Judge said people should stay away from affected areas, if possible, so state and federal crews can continue their search and rescue and cleanup efforts.

HOW TO HELP –

Dial 211: This call service is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides residents with information on community services such as disaster relief, finding shelter and food assistance.

http://hubbub.wbur.org/2011/06/02/massachusetts-tornado-help

MEDIA FULL COVERAGE –
http://www.masslive.com/
http://www.wbur.org/

MEDIA Articles-
http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Tornado_in_Springfield_MA_122981013.html
http://www.wickedlocal.com/hamilton/news/x530603346/HW-dodges-storm-Gov-Patrick-declares-emergency-calls-on-

National–Guard–as–tornadoes–rage
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/06/tornado_tears_through_pioneer.html

DONATION/Drop–off & RESOURCES –
Capstone General Contracting, Inc
http://gccapstone.com/2011/06/02/donations–for–massachusetts–tornado–victims/
MORE at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8526

MEALS & DISTRIBUTION –
meals and personal care items –
http://www.springfieldpartnersinc.com/
Salvation Army (mobile food cantee)
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8538

VOLUNTEERS –
(SEE HOW TO HELP)
Volunteer Reception
Red Cross
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8523
WBUR
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8536

SHELTERS –
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8521

ANIMALS –

Craigslist (listing for lost or adopt)
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/pet/
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/pet/2417951464.html
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/laf/

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/gccapstone
https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/I–Survived–The–Massachusetts–Tornadoes/124094861004930

TWITTER –

FOR a list of supporting organizations go to:
https://reliefdb.org/items/4855

Services offered: Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Media, Online News Reports; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8527

ANIMAL SHELTERS – MA – DIRECTORY/INDEX

Animal Shelter · Open

Various, MA
Web www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Massachusetts.asp
Service Temporary

This website is a link to a statewide directly of Massachusetts Animal Shelters.

Services offered: Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8547

DONATION DROP SITES – 2011 MA Tornadoes (INDEX)

Donor · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

Links to Donation Collection Sites – 6/11 MA Tornadoes:

SEE LINK FOR FULL details –
http://gccapstone.com/2011/06/02/donations–for–massachusetts–tornado–victims/
please contact our office at (508) 799–4463 for drop off and pick up information, or to see what items you can doante. If you need use to pick up your donations, we can arrange for pick up. For drop off, please drop it to our location at:

51 Union Street, Suite 118
Worcester, MA 01608
(Next door to Maxwell Silverman)

Tornado relief donations accepted by volunteer at Old Navy's stores
http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x606699735/Tornado-relief-donations-accepted-by-volunteer-at-Old-Navys-stores

First Church of Monson – See link for more details!
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8542

Springfield Partners for Community Action (Donation/Distribution)
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8544

Services offered: Donations, Drop-Off, Collection Site Location
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8526

FACEBOOK – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

This dbase record is an index of related 6/11 MA Tornado Facebook pages:

Monson Tornado Watch 2011:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074

I Survived The Massachusetts Tornadoes:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074#!/pages/I-Survived-The-Massachusetts-Tornadoes/124094861004930

Springfield, Massachusetts Tornado Info
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074#!/home.php?sk=group_215037375195889

Tornado de ayuda en espanol:
http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150146322192150.337772.665997149#!/pages/Tornado-de-ayuda-en-espanol/212466325450946

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8539

Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers – 6/2011 MA Tornado – INDEX

Walk-in Resource · Open

SEE NOTES, Various, MA
Service Temporary

June 03, 2011 – For immediate release:
PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS STORM ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY TORNADOES
State agencies to offer support services in Springfield, Monson/Palmer, Southbridge
BOSTON - Friday, June 3, 2011 - The Patrick-Murray Administration today announced the opening of three Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers in Springfield, Monson/Palmer and Southbridge that will provide vital supports for individuals and families impacted by severe weather in the region earlier this week. Governor Deval Patrick has called on agencies across state government to work collaboratively to meet the immediate health, human service, housing and employment needs of those affected by the storms.

"The people I have met over the past couple of days are shaken, but resilient, and ready to re-build their lives. By consolidating all available services in one place, these Storm Assistance Centers will make it easier for them to do just that," said Governor Patrick. "We stand alongside those affected by these devastating storms to help wherever we can."

“While visiting these communities following the devastating storm, the Governor and I witnessed first-hand the incredible work of public safety officials and first responders,” said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. “As these communities recover and rebuild, these storm assistance centers will provide individuals, families, neighborhoods and the business community with the critical resources that they all need right now.”

"In the wake of this horrific disaster, these recovery centers will offer vital services and bring much-needed relief to folks who have endured so much over these past few days,” said Senator John Kerry. “There’s a lot of work to be done, but we’re prepared to do everything in our power to help the people of Springfield rebuild their community and move forward with their lives.”

“As we work together to move forward from this disaster, I encourage Massachusetts residents impacted by the severe weather to take advantage of these resources," said Senator Scott Brown. "While the damage inflicted was truly devastating, I am hopeful these Centers will be a valuable tool as we begin the re-building process.”

"Having visited every community impacted by the tornados, I know firsthand that many people need help. These Centers will provide critical assistance and is another indication that the recovery process has begun. But I will continue to do everything I can to help the people of western and central Massachusetts who are in need," said Congressman Richard E. Neal.

“I commend Governor Patrick for taking quick action to help the children and families in need. No one could have imagined the devastation in western and central Massachusetts on Wednesday left by violent storms and tornadoes," said Senate President Therese Murray. "Our hearts go out to those who have lost so much and the families and loved ones of those who were killed and injured. We must all work together and support our fellow citizens during this difficult time.”

"I applaud the Administration for opening these support centers," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "I plan to work closely with Governor Patrick, Senate President Murray, and the Representatives of the cities and towns struck by this disaster to alleviate the pain, suffering and damage caused by Wednesday's tornadoes. This is something we’re going to work on together for as long as it takes to make these communities whole again."

Agencies of the Executive Offices of Health and Human Services, Housing and Economic Development, and Labor and Workforce Development will be on site in all three communities and will offer meetings with area residents to help them resolve their urgent needs for health, nutrition, housing and employment services.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. JudyAnn Bigby has sent representatives from the Departments of Transitional Assistance, Mental Health, Public Health and Veterans' Services; and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to each of the centers to provide personalized assistance to impacted residents.

“We are ready to provide a range of health and human service supports to the individuals and families who were affected by these powerful storms,” said Secretary Bigby. “Our dedicated staff are committed to supporting those who have suffered difficult losses and enrolling them in services and programs for which they may be eligible." Staff will be on site to help individuals and families obtain cash assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, seek crisis counseling support services, and enroll in a range of other available benefits.

Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki will ensure that the storm assistance centers will are staffed by public and private sector economic development leaders and non–profit partners who can offer impacted businesses and homeowners advice on available state and federal resources that can assist with repairs, rebuilding and relocation. Additionally, the Division of Insurance will also be represented by experts who can help guide consumers through the insurance claims process. The Administration is also working with landlords to secure temporary office space for impacted businesses in downtown Springfield.

"Our homeowners and business owners are the backbone of our communities and we are committed to connecting them with the resources that are available so they can rebuild," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki. "These centers will offer guidance on a wide array of assistance, from Small Business Administration funding to business relocation and reopening tools to tips on how to file insurance claims. We stand behind all of the people whose lives and livelihoods have been uprooted and we will not rest until everyone is back on their feet."

Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Joanne F. Goldstein has dispatched the state's Rapid Response team to help staff each of the three centers. The Rapid Response teams will assist impacted employees with filing for unemployment benefits and include a Spanish speaker at each center. Additionally, a business representative will be available to discuss programs and grant opportunities available to employers and businesses impacted by the storm.

"During this time of need, it is important to provide fast and easy access to unemployment benefits and job training opportunities to those employees impacted by the storms," said Secretary Goldstein.

Individuals and families impacted by the storms are encouraged to visit one of three new Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers listed below. The Centers will be open today from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. thereafter, including Saturday and Sunday, until further notice:

Springfield: Department of Transitional Assistance Office
95 Liberty Street, Springfield
(413) 858–1000

Palmer: Department of Developmental Service Central/West Regional Office
171 State Avenue, Monson/Palmer Line, 01069
(413) 283–3411 or (800) 323–3123

Southbridge: Department of Transitional Assistance Office
1 North Street, Southbridge
(508) 765–2400

The Governor declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts on Wednesday following tornado activity that produced high winds, significant property damage, power outages and loss of life. This declaration was amended Thursday to include only those four counties hit hardest by the storms: Worcester County, Hampshire County, Hampden County and Franklin County.

Since the storms passed through Massachusetts on Wednesday evening, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has coordinated federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources following the disaster.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Housing, Relocation Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8545

Red Cross Newsroom – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

Red Cross
Various, MA
Web newsroom.redcross.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8524

Salvation Army – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Web www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_mas.nsf/vw–dynamic–index/9BCC90CB7C82033880256E99001320A4?Opendocument
Service Temporary

Find help at the link above.

http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_mas.nsf/

from the website:

THREE SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES (EDS) MOBILE CANTEENS RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO MASSACHUSETTS TORNADOES!

We are asking for monetary donations toward tornado relief in Massachusetts. A $10 minimum donation can be made by texting the word TSAMA10 to 85944.

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Salvation Army; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8538

SHELTERS – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes – INDEX

Shelter · Open

Red Cross & Unaffiliated Shelters
Various, MA
Web app.redcross.org/nss–app
Service Temporary

6/11 MA Tornado Shelter Map:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/06/map_western_massachusetts_shel.html

Shelters for tornado victims have been set up in West Springfield, Springfield, Wilbraham, Palmer and Monson.

Greenleaf Community Center | 1188 Parker St., Springfield, MA

Springfield Rescue Mission | 148 Taylor St., Springfield, MA

Central High School | 1840 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield, MA

Minnechaug Regional High School | 621 Main St., Wilbraham, MA

Converse Middle School | 24 Converse St., Palmer, MA

Red Cross shelters that have opened to serve survivors of the 5/11 MA Tornadoes.

6/23/11 – NSS

Mass Mutual Center
1277 Main Street
Springfield ,MA 01103

Shelter Capacity : 1000
Current Residents : 42

Quarry Hill Community School
43 Margaret Street
Monson ,MA 01057

Shelter Capacity : 100
Current Residents : 0

West Springfield Middle School
31 Middle School Dr
West Springfield ,MA 01089

Shelter Capacity : 0
Current Residents : 0

Coburn Elementary School
115 Southworth St
West Springfield ,MA 01089

Shelter Capacity : 100
Current Residents : 0

Central High School
1840 Roosevelt Ave
Springfield ,MA 01109

Shelter Capacity : 2322
Current Residents : 0 (was 240 on 6/5)

Minnechaug Regional High School
621 Main St.
Wilbraham, MA 01095

Shelter Capacity: ?
Population: 0

SOURCE: http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/List-of-shelters-for-tornado-victims

List of shelters for tornado victims
Places to go in the event of an emergency

Updated: Thursday, 02 Jun 2011, 1:18 PM EDT
Published : Wednesday, 01 Jun 2011, 8:33 PM EDT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – 22News is working for you with a list of local shelters for victims of Wednesday's severe weather.

Greenleaf Community Center
1188 Parker St.
Springfield

Springfield Rescue Mission
148 Taylor St.
Springfield

St. Francis Xavier Church
475 Main St.
West Springfield

Birchland Park Middle School
50 Hanward Hill
East Longmeadow

Hampden Senior Center
104 Allen St.
Hampden

Converse Middle School
24 Converse St.
Palmer
(this is for people in both Palmer and Monson)

St. Francis Xavier Church 475 Main St. West Springfield, MA

Westfield hasn't yet set up a shelter, but if people need help, they can go to the Command Center Station #2.

http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/List-of-shelters-for-tornado-victims
http://www.ktvq.com/news/tornadoes-touch-down-in-massachusetts/

Services offered: Meals, Shelter Served Meals (Evacuation/Emergency); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; American Red Cross; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8521

VOAD, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
Various, MA
Phone 617 274-5282
Contact Keith Stefanelli
Email stefanellik@usa.redcross.org
Web massvoad.org/news/?page_id=55
Service Temporary

http://massvoad.org

FROM THE SITE:

Massachusetts Tornado Help - Call 211
Posted on June 2, 2011 by admin

Thank you to all who have contacted Massachusetts VOAD to help victims of yesterday's tornadoes with donations and services. Coordination of all help and donations is now running the United Way's 211 service so please call 211
You may also donate to Mass. VOAD member organizations if you wish. They are linked under "organizations" on this web site.
Sincerely,
Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice-Chair), Kevin Hall (Secretary)

Below is an update (June 2, 2011) on the Massachusetts Tornado situation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Massachusetts Tornadoes, Wednesday, June 1, 2011

At around 4:30 EDT on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 a line of severe weather crossed from western part Massachusetts heading east. Damaging tornadoes passed through the Springfield area. A second tornado is reported to have later struck the same region. It was reported that hundreds of homes were damaged and thousands of trees were down.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency effective at 7:10PM on June 1. Nineteen (19) communities are reported affected including the towns of: Westfield, Springfield, West Springfield, Monson, Agawam, Charlton, Oxford, Palmer, Sturbridge, and Wilbraham, among others. The Governor has directed that all non-emergency Executive Branch employees living or working in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties should not report to their workplaces Thursday, June 2. In addition, 23 schools were closed and 21 businesses in the affected communities on Thursday.

The National Guard has called up approximately 1,000 troops to assist in rescue and response efforts. Troops are being dispersed from three locations, one in Springfield, one in Ware, and one in Worcester.

At least four people have died as a result of the tornado. One person was killed in West Springfield when his car overturned, two in Westfield, and one in Brimfield. Details of those 3 fatalities have not yet been released.

Jane Albert of Baystate Medical Center told 22News that the hospital is caring for 25 people who are injured, 10 of whom are in the trauma unit. There are at least 20 other reports of injuries.

In Springfield, Mayor Domenic Sarno said that the South End, East Forest Park, and Sixteen Acres were the sections of the city that were hit the hardest. The Indian Orchard neighborhood also saw damage.

There was a total of more than 60,000 power outages in communities serviced by Western Massachusetts Electric Company. As of 8:49am Thursday, June 2, about 14,000 are still without power. Sandra Ahern from Western Massachusetts Electric Company reports that there are more than 80 utility poles down in the Sixteen Acres and East Forest Park neighborhoods, where she said that they do not anticipate power will be restored for a couple of days.

Voluntary Agency Efforts

Local volunteers are currently supporting relief efforts in Springfield and communities throughout the jurisdiction with sheltering, canteen and mental health counseling.

The American Red Cross reports 5 open shelters as of Thursday morning, with populations in each. Of the 5 shelters reported open, the Red Cross is managing 2 in Springfield, and 1 in Monson. In addition there are 2 Red Cross-supported shelters in collaboration with local emergency officials, and 1 community shelter that the Red Cross is looking to assist with. The Mass Mutual Center in Springfield reported approximately 400 people being sheltered at its height late Wednesday night, with

approximately 200 people remaining this morning. There are approximately 45 people at the West Springfield location and 35 in Monson. Pet sheltering has not been set up at any of the shelters as of Thursday morning.

The Red Cross is supporting feeding efforts at the open shelters, in addition to feeding approximately 300 first responders at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, and approximately 150 first responders in Monson. The Red Cross is not engaged in mobile feeding at this time.

The Salvation Army has set up a canteen service at the Command Post in Westfield to support first responders, and a canteen is also stationed in Brimfield. Canteen drop offs are occurring in Monson. The Salvation Army is also supporting canteen efforts at the Basketball Hall of Fame in collaboration with the Red Cross. The Salvation Army is beginning mobile canteen services, driving around affected communities, and providing psychological first aid as of 10am Thursday morning. 11 volunteers are currently engaged in Salvation Army activities, with approximately 5 additional volunteers working in the kitchens to prepare meals. 2 facilities in Springfield are on standby as possible temporary shelters if needed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – In the aftermath of Wednesday's tornado damage , several major Western Massachusetts roads are closed for the Thursday morning commute. Here is a list of some major roadways that are closed.

SPRINGFIELD:

· Avoid downtown in general, South End; the less cars on the street the better for emergency crews working to assess threats (power lines, gas leaks) and remove obstructions (tree, debris)

Major closures:

· Plumtree Road from Allen Street onwards– impassible

· Main Street from State Street and southward

· Tinkham Road

· Parker Street from Wilbraham Road to Cooley Street

· Island Pond Road from Allen Street to Roosevelt Ave

WEST SPRINGFIELD:

· Union and Main run parallel– this is where the main impact occurred; basically the path of the tornado itself– this area is called the Merrick section of W. Spfld

· From Park and Union to Park and Main

· Union St. from Memorial Ave. to Park St.

· Main and Memorial

· All closed to all except emergency vehicles

· Police are essentially sealing off that entire area

· All obstructions are contained within that grid

WESTFIELD:

· Shaker Road– closed from Little River Road to Cardinal Lane

· Shaker Road closed at Canal Drive when coming in from Tannery Road/Ponders Hollow

· Entire section of Pontoosic Road from Feeding Hills Road to Crescent Circle (nearly the entire run of this road in the city)

WILBRAHAM:

· Tinkham Road is closed from Stony Hill Road to Bolles Road

· Monson Road is blocked–off from Main Street to Ridge Road

· Main Street and Stony Hill Road are open, but you are asked to use extreme caution

MONSON:

· Just avoid the entire downtown area of Monson

· There was significant damage to police building

BRIMFIELD

· Route 20 closed through the entire length of town

· Route 19 closed for the entire length of town

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); All Hands Volunteers; American Red Cross; Feeding America; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland

Security; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6301

211 – Massachusetts (dial 2–1–1) to get social services and STORM HELP! w/ SHELTER LIST!

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass211.org
Service Temporary

UP AND RUNNING TO SUPPORT 2015 Northeast Blizzard!

See shelter list:

http://www.mass211.org/librarydocs/shelterlist830pm_1_26_15.pdf

Services offered: Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211)
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8534

FEMA DRC's

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/drcLocator.jsp
Service Temporary

FULL DRC –
Brimfield:
Clothing, Bedding, Toys, towels, shoes, socks

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Linens, Bath, Towels, New or Clean/Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Socks, All Sizes, NEW Only, * (ANY/ALL Types); Toys, * NEW or Clean/Gently Used – Kids In General (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center)
Updated Jun 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8675

Massachusetts Disaster Guide

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocaterminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Insurance&L3=Disaster+Information&sid=Eoca&b=terminalcontent&f=doi_Consumer_disaster_guide&csid=Eoca
Service Temporary

Good advice for survivors about insurance, etc.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8535

Massachusetts Tornado Recovery Instructions

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Public+Safety+Agencies&L2=Massachusetts+Emergency+Management+Agency&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=mema_feature_story_2011_feature_stories_2011_06_05_rebuilding_what_to_do_next&csid=Eeops
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Many residents and property owners affected by the tragic tornadoes and severe weather have suffered from minor building damages to total loss. Building officials from across the Commonwealth have been and continue to conduct 'Rapid Visual Safety Assessments'. Homes and places of business may be posted with a color–coded placard:

Green: Suitable to occupy
Yellow: Proceed with caution (follow notes on the placard)
Red/Orange: Not fit for occupancy, seek professional assistance

As homeowners and business owners begin the process of putting their lives back together following the recent tornadoes and severe storms, they should be wary of unscrupulous contractors who may be looking to take advantage them.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and Department of Public Safety recommend that people take the time to do the proper research to avoid getting taken advantage of by untrustworthy home contractors, 'storm chasers' and door–to–door peddlers offering dubious deals that can cost thousands of dollars and create serious headaches.

Homeowners should contact their municipal Building Department to ensure required permits are in place and contractors have all required credentials to avoid further hardship. Some additional strategies for homeowners are:

* Beware of any contractor who uses high–pressure sales tactics or requires full payment upfront.
* Make sure everything is in writing. Make sure that the full scope of the work is explained in the contract including cleanup and disposal of waste. All verbal agreements need to be included in the written agreement. Pay close attention to the payment terms, estimated price of materials and labor and any warranties or guarantees. Before signing a contract, verify the business meets all state and local requirements including being licensed, insured and bonded. Have your attorney review the contract.
* Ensure that the contractor is appropriately licensed (CSLs) and is a Registered Home Improvement Contractor (HIC Registration)
* Also ask the business for references from three most recent jobs with names, telephone numbers and addresses of the owners. Confirm whether or not the contractor will be subcontracting the job or relying on his/her own employees.
* Check with your local Better Business Bureau, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations and the Office of the Attorney general to confirm that there have been no complaints filed against the contractor.

In the wake of a storm, fly–by–night repair businesses will solicit work, often door–to–door, in unmarked trucks. They might require advance payment and make big promises on which they won't be able to deliver.
Seek at least three bids. Beware of low–ball estimates that may potentially balloon over time or foreshadow shoddy work to come.

For further clarification, please contact your local building department, as well as the following websites/telephone numbers:

MA Department of Public Safety: www.mass.gov/dps / 617.727.3200
MA Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations: www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocahomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eoca
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8560

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Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Service Temporary

2011 Tornado –

http://www.boston.com
http://www.masslive.com/
more info at:
https://reliefdb.org/items/4855
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8527

http://www.wbur.org/
http://www.masslive.com/news/
http://www.boston.com/news/local/

Snow Emergency Contact Phone Numbers –
http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12003109532183/blizzard–2010–emergency–contact–phone–numbers/

2010 MAJOR FLOOD
http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/my_town_common/bristol_county/
MAP Local News –
http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/my_town_common
National Guard –
http://www.abc6.com/news/semassachusetts/89513262.html
failed Dam to be removed –
http://www.abc6.com/news/semassachusetts/89273472.html

National –
Directory of Newspapers:
http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html
http://www.town–usa.com/news/

http://www.50states.com/news
http://newslink.org

Radio:
http://www.radio-locator.com/
http://www.ontheradio.net/Stations.aspx#StateList

Weather Underground

US Severe Weather Map
http://www.wunderground.com/severe.asp

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5025

Medical Reserve Corp, Agawam (Tornado Support)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.wmmrc.org
Service Temporary

Agawam Medical Reserve Corps website

Randall White
Agawam Board of Health
413-786-0400 ext. 208
health @ agawam . ma . us
36 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

posted on the website, June 2011:

American Red Cross requesting Medical Reserve Corps assistance

Dear MRC Unit Leaders,

The American Red Cross has requested assistance. ARC is facing significant gaps in staffing for shelters in the gulf area, for current operations with the tornadoes as well as anticipated operations for flooding. The pool of local ARC volunteers has been tapped, but is insufficient. ARC is currently looking for licensed or certified health and mental health volunteers who may be willing, able and approved to deploy as a ARC volunteer to support general shelter operations. ARC health/mental training is a plus, but they are willing to take individuals without the training (and will provide just in time training). Note: This is not a Federal or State deployment of MRC volunteers. This is a voluntary activation to support a partner organization.

If you have volunteers that you would approve for deployment, please tell them to contact the local Red Cross chapter (www.redcross.org) to begin the activation process and to receive just-in-time training. Note that these MRC volunteers must meet the following Red Cross eligibility criteria. For Disaster Health Services the individual must:

a. Have an active and unrestricted license (i.e. RN, LPN, LVN, NP, EMT, MD, DO) AND b. Current CPR For Disaster Mental Health the individual must: a. Have an active and unrestricted independent license and masters degree as a clinical social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, psychiatric nurse, or psychiatrist OR b. Have an active and unrestricted state license/certification and masters degree as a school psychologist or school counselor OR c. Have an active and unrestricted state license and a bachelors degree (BSN) as a registered nurse and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification in mental health nursing ARC has agreed to accommodate groups who wish to deploy together. Any questions should be directed to the local ARC chapter. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to help.

For more information contact:

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Emergency Service Director – Western MA
Deputy Director – Chapter Services
American Red Cross
Pioneer Valley Chapter
506 Cottage Street
Springfield, MA 01104
413-233-1005 (direct)
413-265-0683 (cell)
413-785-0929 (fax)
www.redcrosscwm.org

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; American Red Cross; Medical

Reserve Corps
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Medical Reserve Corps, Massachusetts

Medical Facility · Standby

Disaster Relief
MA

Phone 617–534–2333, 617–665–3871, see notes for other locations
Web www.medicalreservecorps.gov
Fee Yes
Service Temporary

4b Subregion 3 Medical Reserve Corps
Needham Health Department
1471 Highland Ave
Needham, MA 02492
Janice Berns
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Agawam Medical Reserve Corp
36 Main St
Agawam, MA 01001
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Amesbury Medical Reserve Corps
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Amesbury, MA 01913
Leslie Carabello
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Amherst Health Department
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Amherst, MA 01002
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Boston Medical Reserve Corps
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Boston, MA 02118
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Brockton Area Medical Reserve Corps
Brockton Board of Health
45 School Street
Brockton, MA 02301
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Brookline Department of Health
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Brookline, MA 02445
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Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps
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Dennisport, MA 02639
Cape Cod MRC
508-760-6158

Chicopee Medical Reserve Corps
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lisa sanders
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City of Easthampton Board of Health
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Easthampton, MA 01027
Mary Kersell
413-529-1430

Duxbury Bay Area Regional Medical Reserve Corps
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Tracy Baugous
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Franklin Regional Council of Governments
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Suite 20
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Greater Fall River Medical Reserve Corps
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Fall River, MA 02722
Michael Coughlin
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Greater New Bedford MRC
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Greater River Valley MRC
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Reading, MA 01867
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Greater Taunton Medical Reserve Corps
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Taunton, MA 02780

Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County Medical Reserve Corps
577 Western Ave.
Health Services
Westfield, MA 01086
Edward Mello
413-568-0262

Holyoke Medical Reserve Corps
Holyoke Board of Health
20 Korean Vets Plaza
Holyoke, MA 01040
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Kingston MRC
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Kingston, MA 02364
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Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps
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Vineyard Haven, MA 0256

Massachusetts Emergency Response Team
PO Box 833
Newburyport, MA 01950
John Harkins
877-882-6500 ext.1

Massachusetts Region 4A Medical Reserve Corps
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Weston, MA 02493
Liisa Jackson
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Massachusetts Region 4b MRC
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Cambridge, MA 02139
Alison Minkoff
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Massachusetts Task Force
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North East Massachusetts MRC
City Hall – Room 205
Haverhill, MA 01830
Nancy Murphy
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North Shore-Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition MRC
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Randolph, MA 02368
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Upper Cape Medical Reserve Corps
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Dennisport, MA 02639
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Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps
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Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Oct 10, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2162

Tornado Recovery MAVOAD minutes

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web massvoad.org/news/?p=193
Service Temporary

Tornado Relief organization update and Minutes
Posted on June 15, 2011 by admin

Dear Friends,
A lot of work has been done recently to better organize the utilization of volunteers and donations in disaster relief. We understand that some of you offered to volunteer and donate and weren't gotten back to quickly. Your help will still be needed in long term recovery from the tornadoes.

After the tornadoes, roads were closed with National Guard troops to keep order while power and infrastructure were put back in place. Affected cities and towns were overly stressed and having difficulty utilizing local volunteers, never mind those from outer areas. Several Massachusetts VOAD organizations were already set up to help with their own members and volunteers and did so.

Usually, we wouldn't post the Minutes of our monthly meetings, but the June 8th meeting Minutes are below as they outline the organization that has recently been put in place while giving you behind the scenes data you likely didn't get from your news services.

To volunteer or donate, you would still call 211 and to donate toward the long term disaster relief efforts, you could donate to the new and official state Disaster Recovery website (hosted by United Way) at www.unitedwaytri–county.org/disaster, call 888–811–3291 or donate to any Massachusetts VOAD member organization you wish.

Please read the information below as it relates to the future safety of the Massachusetts during times of disaster as well as the current relief efforts.
Best,
Kevin Hall (Secretary), Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair)

MAVOAD Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
1:30–3:30 PM
MEMA Bunker, 400 Worcester Road (Rte 9), Framingham

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions
With 26 in the room and four more on the conference phone, this took longer than usual which is a good thing.

II. Working Group Updates and Results of Recruitment Drive
A. Community Preparedness and Outreach
1.Working Group Leaders: Luis Matnog
a. Kevin Hall (Church of Scientology), Luis Matnog (Red Cross) and Arlene Magoon (FEMA) discussed a plan of having Chris Farrand (Salvation Army) put together a one–page sheet on how and why to create COADs (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and sending it to all the local Massachusetts Emergency Management Directors in order to have them organizing their local businesses and churches, etc. to help if disaster hits. It was also discussed how we could further promote COADs through the www.massvoad.org website and other means and could keep the groups organized by suggesting other activities like entertainment, neighborhood watches, etc. that would keep them active while no disasters were occurring. Kevin also invited those attending to become MA VOAD members if they were not already. After the meeting, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) applied for MA VOAD membership. A vote to approved them will occur next meeting.

2.Working Group Leaders: Kevin Hall, Arlene Magoon
Dana Hardtman (AmeriCorps/VISTA) and John McCaul (Able Restoration both offered to help create a VOAD video with its music

and special effects, etc. in August. Kevin, Chris and Luis are going to meet to put the script together first. This will be a video, just under ½ hour for cable tv. It will discuss VOAD, the need for creation of VOADs and preparation for disaster.

III. Able Restoration, Inc. (John McCaul) was voted in as the first Associate Member of Massachusetts VOAD. After the meeting, a press release they can use for the media and a certificate were emailed to them by Kevin.

IV. Long Term Recovery Groups Updates on Finalizing Home Repairs.
Larry Rosenberg of the Northern Long Term Recovery group and Paula Farrales of the Southern LTRG gave updates. Larry hopes to finish all flood damage from last year by the end of the month. He had 180 cases and all but 6 are closed. Paula had 276 cases with 9 more to handle, including three new ones. She wanted to thank Self Help, Inc., Able Restoration, the Brockton Stop & Shop and Walgreens and the Providence Canteen for their great help.

V. Luis said that it is important for all MA VOAD members to take the FEMA IS250 (Independent Study 250) disaster relief training course in order to have a much greater understanding of disaster relief activities and what we, as a group, should be doing. It's a free course on the FEMA site that takes about 2 hours to do.

VI. Arlene got with the United Way of Tri–County and set up a Massachusetts VOAD account within the United Way. This is a long term recovery account and done with the consent of Governor Deval Patrick to make this the official long term recovery account. Arlene also got approval on how the funds will be appropriated and how MA VOAD members will be part of the process. Doug Sparks (United Methodist) brought up how there's already a standard format to decide who would be in need of the money in the account and Arlene agreed that it was true.

VII. A Massachusetts organizational chart with job descriptions for specific roles was voted in and is on the "About" section of www.massvoad.org. This lays out the role of Massachusetts VOAD so members can more easily work to expand the organization without going through various committees and approval processes. The chart is in alignment with the committees of National VOAD and it can also be changed by vote at meetings if and whenever necessary in the future. Kevin asked that people review the organizational chart and job descriptions and offer to take on areas they feel interested and qualified in expanding.

VIII. Ben Hiltunen (MEMA) spoke on an upcoming MAVOAD tabletop exercise/timeline drill and also gave a tour of the MEMA Emergency Support Function (ESF) area that was activiated at the time, to anyone interested after the meeting at 3:30pm. Several went to see how MEMA coordinates its disaster response function.

IX. FEMA Updates. Katie Halladay (FEMA) said that the MA VOAD Resource Book is done and will be printed soon. There is also an electronic version to will go up on line and be linked to the MA VOAD website. This can be changed to add new future resources while the book won't be updated for quite a while.

X. Other Business:
This was the longest section of the meeting, the final ½ hour wherein organizations briefed on their disaster relief actions since the tornadoes hit Western, MA. Coordination activities within different groups were also worked out as follows:

Bill Driscoll (All Hands) has agreed to organize an utilize the volunteers who offered to help through Mass 211, www.massvoad.org and the MEMA ESF 15 desk.

Red Cross Springfield (Joy Grahn) – Two shelters 363 in Mass. Mutual Civic Center and 90 at the Big E. Red Cross (as of June 8th) could use volunteers.

Bill Ames (Lutheran Social Services) said they were helping 67 in shelters including family members of one of the deceased from the storms. He said he has needs for housing, vehicles and windows (all damage by tornadoes) and clothes.

Wil Leslie (Salvation Army) said that they can handle means and clothing for victims and that they sit in daily meetings with the Springfield Mayor regarding what's needed.

www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA was set up as an organized place where people can offer unsolicited donations and MA VOAD members can (and should) go onto to collect needed donations. The organizations can also post what they need from other MA VOAD organizations to make it easier to coordinate with each other. Gary Levit of MA 211 asked about clicking off when donations or requests for help are finished and Arlene said that it was part of the process.

Katie said that there's now a one–stop Massachusetts tornado information site at www.mass.gov/stormrecovery .

Bill Driscoll said he was coordinating on helping people with their homes while they were in the shelters.

Victor Ying (Tzu Chi) said that his organization (www.us.tzuchi.org/usa) wants help in identifying families in need regarding tornado relief. They often give out $1,000 checks to the victims to help them out.

Arlene Magoon said that 235 houses were destroyed although the count should go up as more assessment of damage is done. Information is being put together by Massachusetts with a proposal from MEMA. Massachusetts has to be declared a national disaster due to the tornadoes in order to receive the funding. It's based mainly on the amount of damage calculated although there are some other factors. She also said there's a need now for temporary housing while homes are being repaired.

Bill of LSS said that some people are living in cars while others are displaced and living with families or friends. This is beyond the numbers in the shelters.

Joe Raviele (Greater Boston Food Bank) coordinated with Joy Grahn to get food to them and the CT food bank.

Shannon Walajtys (IFAW) and Rebecca Evanoff (Cert/Dart) reported that the animal shelters and veterinarians in Western, MA did a good job on sheltering pets until they could be reunited with their families.

Andre Gorenyi (Salvation Army) reported that the Salvation Army helped about 20,000 peole with food, water, clothes and spiritual counseling. This included going door to door to see what help was needed. The Red Cross reported that the Salvation Army was bringing racks of clothes to the shelters of displaced families.

Gary Lever (MA 211) said more data needs to get out on these good works that are being done.

Bill Driscoll wants to get with agencies in organizing efforts and volunteer help.

Bruce James (Southern Baptists) said they set up in Brimfield with 5 chain saw (that were cutting up fallen trees to help citizens at their homes with clean up), three damage assessment teams and 5 spiritual counseling teams. They have about 40 volunteers and feel that volunteer help through All Hands would help a lot in clearing debris.

Kevin said the ESF 15 (volunteer desk) was mainly handled by Paula Farrales (Red Cross), himself, two other Church of Scientology volunteers and a volunteer from Boston Cares. The ESF 18 desk was manned a little by Kevin and Paula but mostly by NEDTRIX members who raised a lot of money (including a $10,000 Boston Celtics donation and a pledge to match funds by fans). Tarps to cover roofs, water, and plywood were among the first donations to be gathered in through the ESF 15 and 18 desks. Among volunteers offering help were a couple of good sized construction companies with heavy equipment and an architect who wants to help design new housing.

Lora Grady of Corporation for National and Community Service said they are going to set up at Western Community College and will work on debris removal among other things.

Boston Cares said that they can do shelter care and Self Help, Inc. can help with housing people and getting them needed household appliances.

Commonwealth React said they would like to work with All Hands to keep communications in between groups.

Arlene inquired and found out that the individual organizations aren't currently being overwhelmed with unsolicited donations that they don't know how to warehouse.

The next MA VOAD meeting will be Wednesday, July 13th at the MEMA Bunker in Framingham. Please RSVP by July 11th to mavoad @ gmail . com. to let us know if you'll be attending.

Sincerely,

Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair) & Kevin Hall (Secretary
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, County/Parish Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, State/County; Government, USAID; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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WBUR, How go Get/Give Tornado Relief

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web hubbub.wbur.org/2011/06/02/massachusetts–tornado–help
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
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TN

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc. (HQ)

Warehouse · Open

Church – Disaster Recovery Supplies Available
410 Allied Drive, Nashville, TN 37211
Phone 1–888–541–2848
Web www.disasterreliefeffort.org
Service Temporary

FACEBOOK –
(contact number listed on info 615–833–0888)
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc. –
https://www.facebook.com/disasterreliefeffort

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Services offered: Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies (Distribution To Org's Supporting Disaster Efforts); First Response Supplies/Items * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.
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Other locations

Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Anytown

Phone	978 266 2778
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Hours	8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Permanent

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

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Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance
Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England

Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild
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00 – FEMA – Comprehensive Site (includes regional info)

Info/Hotline · Open

FEMA
Phone http://www.fema.gov/index.shtm OR – 800 621 3362 / 866–877–6075
Web www.fema.gov/index.shtm
Service Temporary

FOR DISASTER RELIEF or Government Programs 800 333 4636

To find out if you qualify for assistance:

http://www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema

Choose your state. Choose the button for whatever storm you are interested in. Note that it may be under "Emergency Declarations", the second set of declarations, or scroll down to see all lists. Then choose the button for "designated counties" to see if your county is there. Note the box on the right hand and choose the "tab" for "individual assistance" to see if your county is qualified to receive federal funds for individuals. Note that "Category B" declarations usually don't have any funds available for individuals. Only for towns and cities.

MANY NEW TOOLS AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION...

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FOR REGIONAL CONTACTS Through–out the States: http://www.fema.gov/about/contact/regions.shtm

FEMA has ten regional offices, and two area offices. Each region serves several states, and regional staff work directly with the states to help plan for disasters, develop mitigation programs, and meet needs when major disasters occur. New Releases are posted thru this site!

BLOG – RECOVERY
Includes 2011 information concerning Katrina, Rita & more
http://blog.fema.gov/search/label/Recovery

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Government, HQ (Headquarters); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Support for "All" Disasters; Training, Database Training Notes
Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/entries); VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
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00 – FEMA FAQs for Disaster Survivors: What to Expect / What to do

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http://www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema

Choose your state. Choose the button for whatever storm you are interested in. Note that it may be under "Emergency Declarations", the second set of declarations, or scroll down to see all lists. Then choose the button for "designated counties" to see if your county is there. Note the box on the right hand and choose the "tab" for "individual assistance" to see if your county is

qualified to receive federal funds for individuals. Note that "Category B" declarations usually don't have any funds available for individuals. Only for towns and cities.

2011: Several press releases have come out saying that getting a "no" letter is NOT the end of the process.

Posted June 2008
See also below this posting for additional postings.

This post was for Iowa, but seemed useful to all disaster zones, so we posted it here, too...

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New Damage Requires Phone Call, But Not Re-Registration
Release Date: June 10, 2008
Release Number: 1763-012

DES MOINES, Iowa -- Iowa citizens affected by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding on May 25, who have already registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and have incurred additional damage, do not have to re-register with FEMA.

"Residents of Black Hawk, Buchanan and Butler counties who registered damage with FEMA only need to report additional damage to FEMA," said Federal Coordinating Officer Bill Vogel. Citizens can call FEMA's toll-free Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing impaired, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, or go online anytime at www.fema.gov to report new damage.

As of Monday night, June 9, more than 825 people from the designated counties had registered with FEMA. "The disaster declaration for the three counties receiving Individual Assistance is continuing," said State Coordinating Officer Pat Hall of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD). "Damage incurred by homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations continues to be included."

Residents and business owners from Black Hawk, Buchanan or Butler counties who received new damage from severe storms, tornadoes or flooding should be registered with FEMA even if they have insurance. FEMA does not duplicate insurance payments, but insured applicants may be eligible for assistance for expenses not covered by insurance.

Individuals could receive assistance to help pay for uninsured temporary housing needs, essential home repairs and/or other serious disaster-related expenses, such as medical and dental expenses or funeral and burial costs.

Registration with FEMA is required separately from registration with any other disaster relief organizations. When registering, applicants should provide current contact information, insurance information, a brief description of damage sustained as well as the specific location of damaged property.

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This post was for Montana, but seemed useful to all disaster zones, so we posted it here, too...

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Denial Letter May Not Be Last Word on Disaster Assistance
Release Date: June 10, 2008
Release Number: 1760-011

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- Don't despair if you received a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) stating that you have been denied for disaster assistance. It may be that FEMA cannot complete the assistance evaluation process until you supply additional personal information or insurance information.

An applicant may be denied assistance for various reasons, including insufficient storm-related damage or adequate insurance coverage. It's important that even if you have registered with FEMA, you call and keep them informed of any changes in your status. Also, be sure to call to update personal information or additional insurance information.

"A denial may mean that FEMA does not have all the information needed to make a decision regarding the applicant's disaster aid," said Michael Karl, federal coordinating officer for FEMA operations in Missouri. "Remember that this first letter may not be the last word."

There are several reasons why an applicant may receive a denial letter; many are easily fixed. The most common reason is that the applicants are insured. Indicated as "INS" or "IINS" on the denial letter, it simply means that FEMA requires more information on the insurance settlement before a final decision can be made.

Other common reasons for denial letters:

The applicant did not provide or sign the required documents.
The applicant did not prove occupancy or ownership.
The damage is to a secondary home or a rental property, not a primary residence. (By law, applicants are eligible for FEMA disaster assistance only if the damage is to their primary residence -- where the person usually lives and was living at the time of

the disaster.)
Someone else in the household has already applied and received help.
The applicant registered before the disaster was officially declared for their county. (If this applies to you, be sure to call 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) to verify your status.)
If FEMA determines that applicants are not eligible for a federal grant, they may still be eligible for other assistance such as a low–interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration, disaster unemployment assistance, and tax assistance.

"Federal disaster assistance is designed to help with uninsured or under–insured losses caused by the disaster," Karl explained. "The disaster funds give many a starting place or 'hand up' to begin the recovery process."

An applicant also has the right to appeal a denial in writing within 60 days from the date of the decision of the letter. Guidelines for appeals can be found in the "Help After a Disaster" handbook that each applicant receives. Applicants can also get guidance on this issue at any Disaster Recovery Center or by calling the FEMA Registration Helpline at 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) or TTY 1–800–462–7585. Lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

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This post was for Mississippi, but seemed useful to all disaster zones, so we posted it here, too...

Insurance Doesn't Stop Disaster Aid
Release Date: May 31, 2008
Release Number: 1753–016

» More Information on Mississippi Severe Storms and Flooding
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=9766

CLINTON, Miss. –– Don't despair if you receive a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency stating that disaster assistance is not available to you. It may be that FEMA cannot complete the assistance evaluation process until insurance claims are settled and submitted to FEMA for review. Insured applicants may still be eligible for disaster funds.

Federal disaster aid is designed to help with uninsured or under–insured losses caused by a disaster.

Any Mississippian who receives a letter from FEMA stating that a claim for federal assistance has been deemed ineligible because of insurance should contact their insurance company and request a settlement letter. That information and any new or additional information gained since the initial disaster assistance application was filed, should be mailed or faxed to the address provided in the letter from FEMA.

If FEMA determines that you are not eligible for a grant, you still may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance or a low–interest loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

SBA low–interest loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations.

For answers to questions regarding your application for assistance, call FEMA's Helpline at 1–800–621–FEMA (3362). The hearing– or speech–impaired should call TTY 1–800–462–7585.

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Posted June 2008
See also below this posting for additional postings.

Misunderstandings about Disaster Assistance
Release Date: May 30, 2008
Release Number: 1753–015

» More Information on Mississippi Severe Storms and Flooding

CLINTON, Miss. –– As many residents of Bolivar, Warren, Washington and Wilkinson Counties register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for financial disaster assistance in recovering from their recent severe storm and flooding losses, others may have concerns that will prevent them from applying.

Here are responses to some of the more common concerns:

* I have insurance, so no other help is available.

False: FEMA will not duplicate insurance benefits, but you may be eligible for help with losses not covered or damage in excess of your coverage ("under–insured") if within FEMA's program limits.

* I don't have to wait for my insurance adjuster before I apply for disaster assistance.

True: Don't wait for an adjuster before applying for aid or starting repairs to make your house livable. However, you should save receipts for any work done and take photographs of your damage.

* I already repaired my home, I don't need to apply.

False: You might get reimbursed for expenses not covered by insurance or face unexpected expenses.

* I got help from the Red Cross, so I can't get help from FEMA or the state.

False: FEMA and the states coordinate a number of programs to help disaster victims. These programs are different from the emergency food, clothing and shelter initially provided by the Red Cross and other voluntary agencies.

* I got help from the Red Cross, so I'm already registered with FEMA.

False: Registration with the Red Cross is not the same as registration with FEMA. For federal and state disaster assistance, you must apply by calling 800–621–FEMA (3362) or the TTY number, 1–800–462–7585.

* I don't have to be poor to qualify for disaster aid.

True: Federal and state disaster assistance is available to those who suffered damage regardless of income. The programs are based on disaster–related needs and the assistance is income–tax free.

* I have to be turned down by my bank before I can apply for a disaster loan.

False: If you lived in a declared county you are eligible to apply for a low–interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. If SBA cannot approve your loan application you may be referred to other agencies for assistance, but that can't happen if you don't return your completed SBA application.

* I must own a business to apply for a loan from the SBA.

False: The SBA low–interest loan is the primary source of long–term recovery assistance for homeowners, renters and business owners. SBA covers uninsured or underinsured losses for real estate as well as personal property.

* I rent an apartment. I can't get help.

False: There are several types of assistance available to renters. One type of grant helps renters with temporary housing if they have to move because of disaster damage or loss. Renters also may qualify for an SBA low–interest disaster loan.

* I'm self–employed and out of work; I can't qualify for disaster unemployment benefits.

False: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, funded by FEMA and administered by the state, provides benefits for workers who would not normally qualify for unemployment compensation, including those who are self–employed.

* If I accept disaster assistance a lien can be placed on my home.

False. Disaster assistance is not a loan and does not have to be repaid unless it is an SBA low–interest loan.

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Source: http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=43647

See below for more info!

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Posted May 2008
See also below this posting for additional postings.

FEMA site inspection:

After every disaster, people impacted by it will be contacted by a number of people representing voluntary organizations, construction companies, safety and building officials, and government agencies. High on the list is the call from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) housing inspector.

On–site inspections are an important early step helping to speed aid to homeowners and renters suffering tornado damage. All inspectors carry photo identification and will have the FEMA registration number assigned to the person whose home is being inspected.

Only an official FEMA inspector will have the number that was provided during registration. The FEMA inspection is free. Again, beware of individuals attempting to charge for inspections or remodeling contractors claiming to be FEMA–approved. FEMA does not endorse construction firms.

When a FEMA inspector calls for an appointment, registrants should provide a clear, accurate description of the damaged property and current contact information. Registrants do not have to wait for the inspector to arrive before beginning repairs. Photos, contractor estimates, and receipts can be provided to FEMA inspectors to document the extent of the damage.

The inspection generally takes 30 – 40 minutes, and includes all areas of the home and personal property. The inspector enters damage–related information into a handheld computer and sends that data electronically to FEMA. The inspector does not determine whether a registrant is eligible for assistance, nor the amount of assistance an individual may receive.

Source: http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=43595
Note: It appears to be regionally created, even though it was sent out nationally. Notice the reference to Jasper County contacts in the link to the FEMA press release.

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Common Misunderstandings May Cause Victims To Miss Disaster Assistance

In the first few weeks following a disaster, residents may be misled by half–truths and rumors about how to get help and the various assistance programs that are available. When residents suffer losses, the last thing they need is misinformation.

Disaster officials stress that notifying state, county, or local officials or registering with voluntary agencies such as the American Red Cross is NOT the same as registering with FEMA. To register for federal assistance, applicants must call FEMA's toll–free number, 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) or TTY 1–800–462–7585 for the speech– or hearing–impaired, available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., local time seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available to answer calls. Residents with Internet access can register on the agency's Web site at www.fema.gov, where valuable recovery information also is available. The deadline to apply for assistance is March 31.

Answers to some common questions about disaster assistance:

* I got help from the American Red Cross; can I still apply to FEMA if I need assistance?

Yes. FEMA coordinates a number of programs to help disaster victims. These programs are different from the emergency food, clothing and shelter initially provided by the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and other voluntary agencies.

* I don't really want a loan; do I still need to fill out the SBA application when I receive it?

Yes. If you do not qualify for a loan, you may be considered for other forms of assistance. You may qualify for the "Other Needs Assistance" program that is designed to help meet serious, disaster–related needs. However, you must complete and return the SBA loan application. If the loan application is not returned, you may not be considered for further FEMA assistance.

* I have flood damage to my vacation home. Can I get help with repairs to a damaged secondary residence?

No. FEMA only provides assistance for your primary residence.

* I have insurance. Is there other help available to me?

Yes. Insurance is your main source for money to put your life back in order after a disaster, but there are many things that insurance does not cover. This is where federal disaster programs may be able to help. You may find that you are "underinsured" and disaster assistance can help make up the difference.

* Do I have to wait for my insurance adjuster before I apply for disaster assistance?

No. You do not have to wait for an agent or adjuster's inspection before applying for assistance or beginning repairs needed tomake your house safe, sanitary and functional. However, if you have insurance, you should find out what your policy covers. Be sure to keep papers and receipts for any repair work. If you still have unmet disaster–related needs, call FEMA to apply. Initially, you may not be eligible for assistance until you are able to provide additional insurance settlement information. This is a necessary step to avoid a duplication of benefits.

* I already repaired my home. Is it too late to apply?

No. You could qualify for reimbursement of expenses not covered by your insurance.

* Do I need to make an appointment at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to register for assistance?

No. But you should register for assistance prior to visiting the DRC.There are two ways to register for assistance. After you have registered by phone or on–line you are encouraged to visit a Disaster Recovery Center for additional information or assistance. No appointment is necessary, and you may visit any DRC even if it is not located in your town or county. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) officials are also available to assist with low–interest disaster loan applications for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. In addition, information is available about ways to reduce damage in future weather events.

* Are only low income residences qualified for disaster assistance?

No. Federal disaster assistance programs may be available to those who suffered damage, regardless of income. The programs are available to any eligible applicant and are not income based. The kinds of help provided depend on the applicant's circumstances and unmet disaster–related needs.

* Do I have to be turned down by my bank before I can apply for a disaster loan?

No. The SBA, which handles low–interest disaster loans, has its own criteria for determining each loan applicant's eligibility. The SBA will decide whether or not you are able to repay a loan. If you are not qualified for a loan, you may be eligible for other assistance. FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must complete and return them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

* Can I apply for a loan from the SBA even if I'm not a business owner?
Yes. Don't let the name fool you. Renters and homeowners may be eligible for low-interest disaster loans for home or personal property losses, based on the type and extent of "uninsured" or "underinsured" disaster-related losses. In a presidential declaration, SBA is the primary source of long-term financial assistance. The SBA offers disaster loans up to $200,000 to repair disaster-damaged primary residences. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to $40,000 to replace damaged personal property such as furniture, automobiles and clothing. Loans to businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations up to $1.5 million are available to repair or replace damaged real estate, machinery and equipment, supplies, and inventory. For information on SBA low-interest loans, residents and business owners in the eligible counties should call 1-800-659-2955 or visit the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov.

* I rent an apartment. Can I get help to replace my damaged property?

Yes. A renter also may qualify for an SBA low-interest disaster loan or a grant from other sources to replace personal property. One type of grant may cover temporary housing needs if a renter has to move to another dwelling. Another type of grant may be available to eligible individuals or families with serious disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or other disaster-assistance programs.

* If I am an undocumented immigrant, am I eligible for any assistance?

Yes, you may be eligible under many different programs run by state and local agencies and voluntary agencies for various types of cash assistance. You will not be eligible personally for FEMA cash assistance programs (Individuals and Households Program Assistance). You may, however, apply on behalf of your U.S. citizen child, or another adult household member may qualify the household for assistance. Even if you or your family do not qualify for FEMA cash assistance (Individuals and Households Program Assistance), please call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for hearing- or speech-impaired for information and to be referred to other programs that can assist you regardless of your immigration status.

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Services offered: Assistance, How to, Document Replacement for Disaster Survivors, Computer File Recovery; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Individual/Family; Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Financial/Monetary Donations; FEMA Information Station (Mitigation/Rebuilding Guidance/Tips); Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Disaster Rebuilding; Grants, Financial, Small Business Development; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Insurance Advice and Guidelines for Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Emergency Services; Support for "All" Disasters; Training, Database Training Notes
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
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00 – FEMA's List of Important Phone Numbers for Disaster Survivors

Info/Hotline · Open

Directory of Services
Phone 800-621-FEMA (TTY* 800-462-7585)
Service Temporary

FOR DISASTER RELIEF or Government Programs 800 333 4636

To find out if you qualify for assistance:

http://www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema

Choose your state. Choose the button for whatever storm you are interested in. Note that it may be under "Emergency Declarations", the second set of declarations, or scroll down to see all lists. Then choose the button for "designated counties" to see if your county is there. Note the box on the right hand and choose the "tab" for "individual assistance" to see if your county is

qualified to receive federal funds for individuals. Note that "Category B" declarations usually don't have any funds available for individuals. Only for towns and cities.

From FEMA's press release: http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=42293
Release Date: January 14, 2008
Release Number: 1734-042

Originally, the press release was for only Washington State, but these useful national numbers are listed here for all disaster suvivors. Help is available if you suffered during a disaster in a "declared county" and you are "eligible for 'Individual Assistance' (IA)" in one of those declared counties. Call the FEMA registration number below to determine if you are eligible for assistance.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

FEMA Registration 800-621-FEMA (TTY* 800-462-7585)
FEMA Fraud Line 800-323-9603
Housing Resources Help Line 866-233-7643
U.S. Small Business Administration 800-659-2955
National Flood Insurance Program 800-427-4661 (TTY* 800-427-5593)
Internal Revenue Service 800-829-1040 (TTY* 800-829-4059)
Social Security Administration 800-772-1213
Department of Veterans Affairs 800-827-1000

VOLUNTEER AGENCIES

American Red Cross 866-GET-INFO
Storm-related community resources and services 2-1-1

*TTY numbers are for hearing/speech impaired

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Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Support for "All" Disasters; Training, Database Training Notes
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/ entries)
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00 – List of Disaster Recovery Guidance and LTRC (Long Term Recovery) Guidance Docs, "LTRC 101"

Info/Hotline · Open

Various
SCROLL DOWN HALF WAY TO SEE THE LINKS
Phone websites only, see notes below
Service Temporary

* * * Here are a few LTRC "how to" guidance documents. "LTRC 101" * * *

Church World Service Training Materials:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8273

Strategy & Leadership in Critical Times Emergency Management (online EM news):
Long-Term Recovery Needs Coordination, Deserves More Attention
by Andy Opsahl on December 17, 2009:

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Long-Term-Recovery-Needs-Coordination.html

What is an LTRC? What does an LTRC do? etc etc...

FEMA Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR) Planning Process Self-Help Guide
http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/ltrc/selfhelp.pdf

FEMA's National Response Framework (NRF) LTRC guidance doc:

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-esf-14.pdf

FEMA's National Response Framework:

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/

FEMA's NRF "categories" for response (use the "pull down menu" under "annexes"):

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/mainindex.htm

Main FEMA site: www.fema.gov

FEMA publication describing "sources" of disaster assistance:

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/ltrc/recoveryprograms229.pdf

FEMA – Strengthening Disaster Recovery For The Nation – Region X:

http://disasterrecoveryworkinggroup.gov/outreach/regionX–vtc–110209.pdf

NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)
National Level Guidance Doc (link checked December 2008, document from 2004, updated 2006)

http://www.nvoad.org/Portals/0/LTRManualFinalApr232004a.doc

Main NVOAD site: www.nvoad.org

A LOCAL LRTC DOCUMENT IN USE BY ACTUAL LTRC:

http://www.faca.org/upload/pdf_forms/Lee_County_LTRC_Guidelines_2007.pdf

Also, please note:
Singletary (Tary) H. Snyder (Mission Presbytery Disaster Response Coordinator) and the folks at the Texas Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has a great website with more guidance:

http://www.snyderhomes.com/DisasterResponse/ManualForms/

LTRC "Lessons Learned":

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Long–Term–Recovery–Needs–Coordination.html

A Mixed Methods Study of Disaster Case Managers on Issues Related to Diversity in Practice with Hurricane Katrina Victims:

http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/bitstream/10125/15120/1/v1i1_07teasley.pdf

Disaster Recovery/Case Management for People With Disabilities:

http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/testimony/2009/Senate_HSGAC_Disaster_Recovery_CaseManagement.htm

DNN
Disaster Manuals, Bulletin Inserts and Forms
http://www.disastervolunteers.org/files/

Lutheran training: VOLUNTEER/CONTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (how to manage projects)

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5929

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Community Outreach Programs; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Government, Homeland Security & Office of Emergency Preparedness; Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Case Management Roundtable Meetings; Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Unmet Needs Committee Meetings; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Warehouse (Supplies); Management, Community Coordinator, Volunteer; Management, Project Managers, Volunteer; Management, Special Projects Coordinator, Volunteer; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Services, For Non–Profits; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, CAN Training; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Emergency Response; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Training for Case Managers; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Training, Database Training Notes; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
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Service Temporary

News, response to Disaster/Emergency, available assistance reports!!!
http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema

World, Americas, Regional, etc:

Huge Directory:
http://www.refdesk.com

www.reliefweb.int
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3815

CBS News
http://www.cbsnews.com/digitaldan/disaster/disasters.shtml

Reports response and updates by groups:
http://www.disasternews.net

Environmental News (Toxins)
IncidentNews
http://www.incidentnews.gov/

For State Level specifics, go back to the Facilities/Organizations list (upper left), and choose the pull down menu for state and select the state you're interested in.

Here is a list that came from the NVOAD list:
(I took the liberty to take out the obvious search engine generated entries for things like "fashion disasters", thanks to Lesli Ramali of CAN for the posting!)
Note, most of these are press release sites, rather than real news sites, but they seem to be interesting anyway. I'd stick with the FEMA site and DNN for US–based disaster news. CNN has "some", but it's location–specific rather than full coverage. In other words, CNN covers "some" disasters. TF

Google News Alert for: disasters

[http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=75916] BANGLADESH: More aid needed, says World Bank official
IRINnews.org – New York,NY,USA
"There needs to be a long–run strategy because the natural disasters will cyclically occur more and more," the senior official said. ...
[http://news.google.com/news?hl=en&ncl=http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx%3FReportId%3D75916] See all stories on this topic

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Climate change may drive many birds to extinction. Photo by Fort Photo via Flickr. As warming temperatures push organisms to seek cooler climates at ever–higher altitudes, habitat areas are shrinking, putting many species of plants and ...
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Police, firefighters and other emergency workers responding to natural or manmade disasters may someday save more lives with the help of an advanced mobile wireless communications device. "Gizmo," which looks like a cross between a ...
[http://www.rootly.com/] Rootly: Latest news – http://www.rootly.com/

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By Jonathan Simon(Jonathan Simon)
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00 FEMA DRC Locator (Disaster Recovery Centers) Find Open DRCs

Info/Hotline · Open

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center

Phone (800) 621–3362 OR website current status
Web egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator
Hours varies by location
Serves Nationwide
Eligibility Impacted by Federally Declared Disasters
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To find an Open DRC, got to the website above, or go directly to FEMA's very useful "DRC Locator" and enter your location to find an open DRC:

2011 Note: This appears to be a VERY ACCURATE and up to date tool/database. We'll still keep listing separate entries, if only to provide local news that's not listed in the FEMA locator.

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Open DRCs – CHECK WEBSITE FOR Current Status!!!

Please note that we are updating this page on a weekly basis as new DRCs are opened and existing DRCs are closed. We recommend that you tune–in to your local media for the most up–to–date information on area openings and closings.
About DRCs

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is a readily accessible facility or mobile office where applicants may go for information about FEMA or other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to your case.

NOTE: You can register for assistance at a DRC or you can register online or by calling 1 (800) 621–FEMA (3362). The TTY number is 1 (800) 462–7585 for those who are speech– or hearing–impaired.

Some of the services that a DRC may provide:

* Guidance regarding disaster recovery
* Clarification of any written correspondence received
* Housing Assistance and Rental Resource information
* Answers to questions, resolution to problems and referrals to agencies that may provide further assistance
* Status of applications being processed by FEMA.
* SBA program information if there is a SBA Representative at the Disaster Recovery Center site.

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FOR DISASTER RELIEF or Government Programs 800 333 4636

To find out if you qualify for assistance:

http://www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema

Choose your state. Choose the button for whatever storm you are interested in. Note that it may be under "Emergency Declarations", the second set of declarations, or scroll down to see all lists. Then choose the button for "designated counties" to see if your county is there. Note the box on the right hand and choose the "tab" for "individual assistance" to see if your county is qualified to receive federal funds for individuals. Note that "Category B" declarations usually don't have any funds available for individuals. Only for towns and cities.

INTERNAL NOTE: November 2012: took this web page out: http://www.fema.gov/assistance/opendrcs.shtm And replaced it with the above.
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Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; 2017 HURRICANE MARIA; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/ entries); Government, Small Business Administration (SBA)
Updated Oct 2, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/890

00 Red Cross/FEMA NSS Nationwide Shelter Search Tool (FIND OPEN Red Cross SHELTERS)

Shelter · Open

Shelter
Web www.redcross.org/get–help/disaster–relief–and–recovery–services/find–an–open–shelter
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Go to the link above to find RED CROSS sponsored shelters. (there are usually MANY MORE shelters other than "Red Cross sponsored" shelters...run by local gov't, run by private groups)

[Editor's NOTE: we've noticed lately that the link DOES NOT WORK for people who don't allow cookies and other surveillance apps on their devices. The Red Cross is a great org, providing badly needed first response. However, we do not like that the link doesn't work on ANY device, and fear that this is a trend that's related to the "need" for large non–profits to gather a ton of personal info before they will help you. If that's the case, shame on you Red Cross. If it's not the case, please excuse our ignorance]

See the map at the link for open shelters. Below that is a list of openshelters.

You can also search by state/address.

Open Shelters are flagged. Put your mouse over a flag to get more info, click on it, and give it a moment and you'll see the address of the shelter and a capacity (number of people), if the information is available.

Here's the old address, that doesn't work as well, but for reference purposes: http://app.redcross.org/nss–app/

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Individual/Family; Facilities: Shower Facilities, Disaster Survivors (Available To); First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter, Evacuation/ Shelter Information & Updates; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Shelter * (ANY/ ALL Types); Shelter, Capacity (# of people, total capacity); Shelter, Capacity (# people, current population); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Winter Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter, Updates/Status; Shelter, Evacuation, Special Needs Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; 2025 California Wildfires; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County;

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FEMA Press Release, Disaster Aid to Renters

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=56624
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Renters Should Not Miss Out on Disaster Assistance

Release Date: July 13, 2011
Release Number: 1974–107

NASHVILLE, Tenn. –– If you think you are automatically ineligible for federal disaster assistance because you do not own a home, think again.

Renters, too, may qualify for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other sources if they experienced losses in the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

"Disaster aid is not limited to homeowners," said Tennessee Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Bassham. "Thanks to rental support programs, many renters who sustained damage in this disaster can receive the boost they need to get back on their feet."

"The storms and flooding that hit Tennessee didn't discriminate between homeowners and renters," agreed the Federal Coordinating Officer, W. Montague Winfield. "FEMA is here to ensure that all survivors get the assistance they are eligible to receive."

FEMA offers two kinds of help to eligible renters:

* Money to rent a different place for a limited time while repairs are done to a home that was made uninhabitable by the storms, tornadoes and flooding;
* Free assistance in finding replacement rental property.

Renters and homeowners alike may also be eligible for Other Needs Assistance, designed to help survivors with uninsured necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster. This money can be used for:

* Disaster–related medical and dental expenses;
* Replacement or repair of personal property, including clothing, tools, equipment and household items such as room furnishings and appliances;
* Vehicles damaged by the disaster.

To qualify for any of this aid, renters must register with FEMA by Aug. 9, 2011.

To register by phone, call 800–621–FEMA (3362) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time. The TTY number is 800–462–7585.

By computer, go online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by smartphone or tablet to m.fema.gov.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll–free at 800–621–FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800–462–7585.

FEMA's housing assistance and Other Needs Assistance grants for medical, dental, and funeral expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be considered for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. Applicants who do not qualify for a SBA loan may be eligible to receive Other Needs Assistance grants for these items.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011

Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, Federal; Government, Federal, In–Country; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/ entries); Government Housing Authority; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency); Government, US Government Program; Government, US Government Site; Government, US Gov't Sponsored (This Org IS Sponsored by US Gov); Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
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National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone 212.669.6100
Contact Manager
Email info @ n–din . org
Web www.n–din.org
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Based in New York, this group looks to be a single coordinating agency for all of the country's faith–based recovery groups. It has an online database for social/disaster relief resources.

Note on the left side:

1. To register your org, it's easy. Click "Submit Directory"

2. To see an incredible library of resources for disaster planning/management, choose "resources". Scroll down to see a bunch of links to "tip sheets":

TIPS SHEETS:
01 – Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
02 – The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
03 – The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
04 – How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
05 – Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation
06 – Continuity of Operations Planning
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08 – Disaster Spiritual Care
09 – Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
10 – Trauma Resilience and Harm Reduction in the Community
11 – Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
12 – Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
13 – Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
14 – Faith Communities & Donations Management
15 – National Faith–Based Disaster Service Organizations

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Disaster Relief Supplies, Misc.; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies (Distribution To Org's Supporting Disaster Efforts); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Sample Timeline; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Emergency Supply Kit Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Corporate (Large); First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Resources for Disaster Responders; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Long Term Recovery Support; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Disaster Consultant; Management, Donations Management; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Supply Chain Support/ Coordination; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Logistics Support; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster Mitigation; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, CAN Training; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Communications; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Ministry, Faith–Based; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Mass Feeding;

Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Training Classes, Emergency Distribution Operations; Training Classes, Emergency/Evacuation Shelter Operations; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, Warehouse Operations; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Aidmatrix; American Red Cross; CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network.); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; CityTeam; CWS ~ Church World Service; Disaster Response Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Habitat For Humanity; Homelessness Relief Services; Islamic Relief; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mercy Corps; Operation Blessing; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Vision
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