2023 Hurricane Idalia: Resource Guide

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Cuba

UNICEF Cuba [Hurricane Idalia response]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.unicef.org/cuba/en/press-releases/storm-idalia-unicef-cuba-response-caring-affected-children
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Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia; UNICEF

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Mercy Chefs [Hurrican Idalia response]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Suwannee High School, Live Oak, FL

Web www.facebook.com/MercyChefs
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The above FBook page appears to have more real time info.

Their main website has a donation button:
https://mercychefs.com/idalia

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia; Mercy Chefs

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Highway 19 Gas & Grill [open business, grilling free food]

Open Business* · Open

Perry, FL

Web www.npr.org/2023/08/31/1196943553/after-idalia-neighbors-in-perry-fla-share-a-spirit-of-hope-and-togetherness
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After Idalia, neighbors in Perry, Fla., share a spirit of hope and togetherness
August 31, 20235:12 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition
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Regan McCarthy

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Hurricane Idalia walloped Perry when it stormed ashore with 125 mph winds on Wednesday. People in the city are just now trying to pick up pieces and sort out how to move forward.

A MARTÍNEZ, HOST:

The city of Perry, Fla., was hit hard by Hurricane Idalia. As in other communities in the Big Bend part of the state, the storm knocked out power, flooded roads, damaged homes and smashed businesses. After the winds and rain cleared last night, community members started counting up damages. And as WFSU's Regan McCarthy reports, neighbors came together to share a spirit of hope and togetherness.

(SOUNDBITE OF CHAINSAW REVVING)

REGAN MCCARTHY, BYLINE: In some parts of Perry, the sound of chainsaws is almost enough to drown out the usual singing of cicadas and tree frogs. Families, neighbors and out-of-towners are coming together to clear roadways and a path to recovery.

DENISE MINGO: It took a tough hit, a very tough hit.

MCCARTHY: Denise Mingo (ph) says the aftermath of the storm looks bad, but she prefers to view things in a more positive light.

MINGO: The cup being half full, you know, or about empty – so it's all in their perception of what life is to how they're going to handle their situation. But, I mean, as far as the community, if we could come together as a whole, we could do it.

MCCARTHY: And in a gas station parking lot where a plume of smoke carries the smell of barbecue, that's exactly what's happening.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: That's good. That's the one there (ph). Oh, yeah.

MCCARTHY: Highway 19 Gas & Grill is one of the only open stores. The power's out, and rather than waste the food that might spoil, workers are in the parking lot cooking up a free feast for the community. Others have brought by bags of charcoal or helped clear the parking lot of debris.

MARY GRAMLIN: We work together. We family here. We know everybody by name. We kiss the kids. We hug. We check on everybody. That's how we do it around here.

MCCARTHY: Mary Gramlin (ph) is helping to dish up to-go boxes for a growing line. She says in the 50 years she's lived in Perry, she's never seen a storm so devastating. Gramlin's coworker, Shonda Palmer (ph), says her house was damaged by the storm. Part of the roof lifted up, and one of the rooms flooded from the incoming rain. She doesn't have homeowner's insurance.

SHONDA PALMER: Most of this community don't unless they're paying a mortgage or a payment. We can't – I mean, you can't really afford that here. So, you know, it's just too hard. I mean, you barely make your bills.

MCCARTHY: In rural communities like this, it's not unusual for houses to be passed down through generations, meaning they're often owned outright. And since homeowner's insurance is so expensive in Florida, people often choose not to carry it when it's not required. That can make recovery an even longer and more difficult process, one Palmer says she's not sure can be done. But for her, standing behind a grill feeding her community feels like a good place to start. For NPR News, I'm Regan McCarthy in Perry, Fla.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); * KITS, FOOD KITS; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
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Babycycle Diaper Bank [Hurricanee Idalia: baby items donations drop/pickup]

Volunteer Camp · Open

4670 Chancellor St. NE, St. Petersburg, FL
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Babycycle Diaper Bank will be distributing diapers, wipes, toiletries, feminine products and cleaning supplies to all in need. Lunch will be provided by Pete Boland and The Galley. Lunch and items can be picked up from 10 a.m.–noon Sept. 2 at 4670 Chancellor St. NE, St. Petersburg.

source: https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2023/08/31/hurricane-idalia-florida-help-victims-assistance/

Services offered: Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); * KITS, BABY SUPPLY KITS, NEW Items ONLY
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia
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World Central Kitchen [at Roy's Restaurant]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Riverside Drive, Steinhatchee, FL
Web wck.org/relief/hurricane-idalia
Service Temporary

WCK teams spread across western Florida ahead of the storm and began providing sandwiches, fruit, and water and assessing food needs immediately after the storm passed. Our teams have set up operations centers in Gainesville and Tallahassee and are working with restaurant and food truck partners to begin distributing warm, nourishing meals as soon as we find pockets of need.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia; World Central Kitchen
Updated Sep 2, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10609

Feeding Tampa Bay

Volunteer Camp · Open

Tampa, FL
Phone 833-530-3663
Web feedingtampabay.org
Service Temporary

https://feedingtampabay.org/ways-we-serve/disaster-relief

Hurricane Idalia Update
Hurricane Idalia has moved through our region and we are here and ready to help. Our team is currently assessing impact across our 10-county service area. Check below to see emergency distributions or sign up to receive text updates by texting FTBFYI to 833-530-3663 para mensajes en espanol FTBPARATI.

If you are in an area unimpacted by the storm, see how you can offer help by signing up to volunteer or donating to hurricane response efforts below.

Emergency Response Distributions
Thursday (8/31):

2:00pm – 3:30pm | Pasco
Burks Park, 13220 Gene Nelson Blvd, Dade City, FL 33525

4:00pm – 5:30 pm | Hillsborough
HCC South Shore, 551 24th St NE, Ruskin, FL 33570

4:00pm – 5:30pm | Pinellas
Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Dr., St. Petersburg, FL 33705
*Enter at Lot 6. Near the Uhaul Building

Friday (9/1):

9:00am – 10:30am | Manatee
Desoto Boys & Girls Club, 5236 30th St W, Bradenton, FL 34207

1:00pm – 2:30pm | Hernando
Brooksville PHSC, 11415 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601

4:00 – 5:30pm | Hillsborough
HCC Dale Mabry, 4001 W Tampa Bay Blvd, Tampa, FL 33614

Stay informed of distribution changes leading up to a storm or to stay in the know of emergency distributions added after a storm, text FTBFYI to 833–530–3663 or text FTBPARATI to 833–530–3663 por espanol. We'll be sure to send you the right information so you can access the resources you need.

Services offered: * KITS, FOOD KITS; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia
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Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay [volunteer/rebuilding]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Tampa Bay, FL
Phone 813–878–9000
Web rttb.org
Service Temporary

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay is a volunteer organization available to assist people with structural damage after the storm. Anyone needing assistance is encouraged to reach out at rttb.org or over the phone at 813–878–9000.

source: https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2023/08/31/hurricane–idalia–florida–help–victims–assistance/

Services offered: Tools, PowerTools * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
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2023 Florida Storm Response

Info/Hotline · Open

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We have not identified any "Solidarity Not Charity" groups organizing yet. If you know of any, pls let us know. Or enter them yourself. Standard government emergency response crews and large charities appear to be organizing. We'll wait til we see the solidarity oriented groups before posting. And we'll work on other regions until we find solidarity oriented groups in Florida who are organizing to respond to the storm.
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Big Dog Ranch Rescue [Hurricane Idalia response]

Animal Shelter · Open

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Web www.bdrr.org/hurricane–idalia
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Our track record as first responders speaks volumes – we rush in when there are dogs in need to help shelters and dogs hit hardest by natural disaster. From generators to supplies and food, we're preparing to aid where the need is most dire.

Animals most in need will find relief through our efforts, but we can't do it alone. Your support is crucial! Every dollar and every donation fuels our mission to provide aid, comfort, and a new chance at life to these deserving pets.

We're also issuing an □□URGENT PLEA□□ for fosters – our capacity is stretched, and we need to create space for dogs from flooded shelters. Becoming a foster could mean saving a life, and that's a legacy worth leaving.

Let’s come together, step up and save these innocent lives. Support our mission by donating, sharing, and considering fostering.

Services offered: Animals, Animal Care, Dog Care, Volunteer; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia
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Samaritan's Purse [Hurricane Idalia response]

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Web www.samaritanspurse.org/article/samaritans-purse-responding-to-florida-communities-in-idalias-path
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia; Samaritan's Purse
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