

Hurricane Ida Resources

August 30, 2021

“The powerful storm, which made landfall in southeastern Louisiana Sunday on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina as a Category 4 hurricane, was downgraded to a tropical storm by Monday with sustained winds of about 45 miles an hour as it continued to move north.

The Louisiana State Police urged residents to avoid traveling, as it assessed roadways and damage. Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said flooded roadways, downed power lines and debris have created numerous hazards, and emergency officials in New Orleans said service outages at 911 centers persisted.” – [Via The Wall Street Journal](#)

Louisiana Resources

Office of the Governor of Louisiana

Members of the public should continue to monitor local news outlets for weather updates and follow guidance from local officials. The Governor’s office will also share updates about severe weather through its texting system. People may opt-in by texting LAGOV to 67283 and sign up for phone calls by going to [Smart911](#). For additional storm updates, you may visit the Governor’s website [here](#).

Louisiana Department of Emergency Services

Louisiana Emergency Management Agency is the state’s preparedness response and recovery agency. Visit the website [here](#) for disaster assistance and preparedness information.

- Sign up for emergency alerts [here](#).
- For emergency shelter information contact your local Parish OHSEP. A list of Parish OHSEP contacts can be found [here](#).

For information on hurricane preparedness in Louisiana, please visit the website [here](#).

Louisiana Department of Insurance

This department assists with insurance navigation and questions following a natural disaster or destructive event. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

To view Louisiana’s detailed disaster recovery guide, please visit this [link](#).

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

This department provides information on road closures throughout the state.

- Phone: 877-452-3683
- Website: <http://www.511la.org>

American Red Cross of Louisiana

The American Red Cross of Louisiana responds to disasters throughout the state. To locate your local branch, visit their website [here](#).

- **Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).
- **Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

211 Louisiana

211 connects callers to information about health and human service organizations in the community to assist with a variety of needs including disaster assistance, basic needs, and mental health services.

- Dial 211 to reach them by phone
- Visit the website [here](#) to search online for services

Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. CCUSA deploys disaster response experts to support local Catholic Charities agencies in their work providing direct assistance to affected communities and identifying long term recovery needs. The Catholic Charities ministry supports disaster response efforts with direct aid, home repair, home rebuilding, health care services and other programs that enable long-term disaster recovery.

[Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans](#): If you need assistance, please call (985) 605-5840

Crisis & Disaster Resources

St. Bernard Project

This program operates statewide and helps homeowners rebuild after natural disasters. To apply for the program, please visit their [website](#) or call (504) 644-4639

Shelters

You can find updated shelter lists [here](#). Please call 2-1-1 or you can text “lshelter” to 898-211 to inquire about shelter capacity and obtain additional information.

Mississippi Resources

Office of the Governor of Mississippi

Visit the governor’s website [here](#) for updates on evacuations & declarations.

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating emergency activities throughout the state. Information for hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery operations can be found [here](#).

For information on hurricane preparedness in Mississippi, please visit the website [here](#).

Mississippi Department of Insurance

This department assists with insurance navigation and questions following a natural disaster or destructive event. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

To view Mississippi’s detailed disaster recovery guide, please visit this [link](#).

Mississippi Department of Transportation and Development

This department provides information on road closures throughout the state.

- Phone: 866-813-3616
- Website: <https://mdot.ms.gov/>

Crisis & Disaster Resources

American Red Cross of Mississippi

The American Red Cross of Mississippi responds to disasters throughout the state. To locate your local branch, visit their website [here](#).

- **Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).
- **Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

211 Mississippi

2-1-1 connects callers to health and human services information and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, basic needs, and disaster assistance. Dial 211 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location.

- Dial **2-1-1** or **601-948-4725** to reach 211 by phone
- Visit the website [here](#) to search online for services

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[Catholic Charities of South Mississippi](#): If you need assistance, please call (228) 701-0555

R3SM (Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi)

This program operates statewide and helps homeowners rebuild after natural disasters. To apply for the program, please visit their [website](#) or call (601) 544-5115

Shelters

You can find updated shelter lists [here](#). Please call 2-1-1 to inquire about shelter capacity and obtain additional information.

Additional Assistance and Donations

Local news sources including [Local 10 News](#) report additional information regarding assistance and donations on their website.

Volunteering and Monetary Donations

- **United Way** United Way of Southeast Louisiana is accepting donations and looking for volunteers. It has set up a fund to support both short-term and long-term relief efforts. Donations can be made [here](#).
- **Salvation Army** is helping those affected by Hurricane Ida by operating a command unit, refrigerated truck, a laundry unit, shower unit, bunkhouse, and two Field Kitchens. Donations can be made [here](#).
- **Operation Blessing** partners, staff, and disaster relief volunteers partner with emergency management and local churches to bring food, clean water, medicine, and other vital supplies to meet the immediate needs of those impacted by the storm. Donations can be made [here](#).
- **DirectRelief** is a humanitarian aid organization, active in all 50 states, with a mission to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies – without regard to politics, religion, or ability to pay. Donations can be made [here](#).
- **GoFundMe** has teamed up with The Weather Channel to help people in the path of a natural disaster be prepared and recover. Monetary donations can be made at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/HurricaneRelief-Fund/donate>
- **American Red Cross** is accepting monetary donations [here](#). For those who want to donate by check or to a specific cause, there is a donation form that must be printed and sent to: American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839.

To donate by phone or to get assistance with your donation, call (800) 435-7669. For Spanish, call (800) 435-7669.

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- **Catholic Charities of Acadiana** is accepting monetary donations at: <https://www.classy.org/give/135136/#!/donation/checkout>
- **Americares** has a fund to support its deliveries of medicine, personal protective equipment, and medical supplies to disaster areas. Please click [here](#) to donate.

Pet Relief Agencies

- **Humane Society Disaster Relief:** This group evacuates animals from shelters before and after hurricanes and other natural disasters. Please click [here](#) to donate.
- **Louisiana SPCA:** The Louisiana SPCA evacuated many of their animals before the storm hit, but they need help caring for the animals left behind. You can click [here](#) to donate.

National Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

This National Disaster Distress Helpline is available 24/7 to individuals who have been affected by a human or naturally caused disaster and in need of crisis counseling. Services are multilingual.

Call **(800) 985-5990** or visit the website [here](#) to access services.

National Weather Service

The National Weather Service provides weather, water, climate data, forecasts, and warnings for the United States. Visit their [website](#) for more information and updates about Hurricane Ida.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

- Visit the website [here](#)
- Phone the FEMA Helpline, 7 AM to 11 PM ET, 7 days a week: (800) 621-FEMA (800) 621-3362; TTY (800) 462-7585

IF AND WHEN an area has become eligible for disaster assistance, you will find information [here](#). You may enter your zip code to see if your area has been declared for individual disaster assistance. If it has, you may find your local DRC (Disaster Recovery Center), apply online for assistance, and find other local resources.

Crisis & Disaster Resources

Information about pets may be found here: <http://www.fema.gov/helping-pets>

Ready.gov

Ready.gov is a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare, respond and mitigate emergencies including natural and man-made disasters. For preparedness resources and information on staying safe during and after a hurricane or tropical storm, visit their website [here](#).

This guide provides referrals to resources. It does not endorse or recommend the resource providers. While every effort is made to maintain current provider information, information may change without notice.

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