

Important Information For Disaster Assistance

October 12, 2016

[Applying for Individual Disaster Assistance](#)

As of October 10, 2016, a major disaster declaration was given for several counties affected by Hurricane Matthew. FEMA said that damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and more counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed.

You can apply for assistance online [here](#) or by calling toll-free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Those with a speech or hearing impairment should call **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

[Applying for SBA's Disaster Loan Program](#)

In addition, several counties are eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance. Small businesses wishing to apply for assistance will need to fill out an assistance application by clicking [here](#) or by calling **1-800-659-2955**. If you have any trouble with your SBA assistance application, please call one of our offices so we can assist with your efforts.

[Agriculture Disaster Hotline](#)

Those who have farms and need assistance can call the Agriculture Disaster Hotline at **1-866-645-9403**.

For a comprehensive list of assistance programs available to businesses and individuals, please click [here](#).

[Shelters](#)

The Red Cross currently has shelters open throughout the state of North Carolina to provide lodging, food and other assistance. For more information, call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or click [here](#).

[Local/County Emergency Contacts](#)

A list of local emergency contacts in NC08 can be found [here](#) and all counties in NC can be found [here](#).

[NCDOT Updates and Road Closures](#)

For real-time road closure and traffic conditions in your area, drivers are urged to visit [ReadyNC.org](#) or call **5-1-1**.

[Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services has set up a 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week Disaster Distress Helpline for people seeking crisis counseling. Residents can call **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs to 66746** to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

[Important Numbers](#)

Dial 9-1-1 if you are in danger and in need of immediate assistance.

Dial 2-1-1 to reach a live call specialist who has information about shelters, food, water and other post-storm resources.

Dial 5-1-1 for road updates from the N.C. Department of Transportation.

NC Emergency Management
919-825-2500

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Agriculture Disaster Hotline
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[Online](#)

Federal Government Assistance
www.disasterassistance.gov

SBA Assistance
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Shelter Information
<http://www.redcross.org/local/north-carolina/eastern-northern-carolina>

FEMA
www.fema.gov

NC Emergency Management
www.readync.org

Local NC08 Emergency Management
<http://hudson.house.gov/emergency-storm-preparedness>

Local NC Emergency Management
<http://www.ncdps.gov/Emergency-Management/EM-Community/Directories/Counties>

NCDOT
<https://www.ncdot.gov/>