



Sarasota County Business Response & Recovery Resources

The Coalition of Business Associations has prepared this document for your business to prepare in case of an emergency and to help you get back to business faster.

Please print this document and store it in a safe place.

Before the storm

Print and complete this section with important information and phone numbers. In the case of power and internet losses, these numbers will be important to get your business back up and running.

Evacuation level: _____

Insurance: _____

Banker: _____

Payroll processing: _____

Florida Power & Light: 1-800-4-OUTAGE

Other utilities: _____

Internet provider: _____

Key staff & Board of Directors contact information: _____

Sarasota County Information: 311

After the storm

Operation Blue Roof - A program of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Property owners who suffered damage to their roofs may be eligible for Operation Blue Roof, a federal program that provides fiber-reinforced sheeting to cover roofs until arrangements can be made for permanent repairs. www.BlueRoof.us or 202-761-0031.

FloridaDisaster.biz - The Florida Department of Commerce and the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) will activate the Business Damage Assessment Survey. Survey responses will allow the state to expedite recovery efforts by gathering data and assessing the needs of affected businesses. It is important to share your information on damage/loss when this survey opens.

Florida Small Business Bridge Loan Program - When activated by the Governor, the Florida Small Business Bridge Loan Program, administered by the Florida Department of Commerce in collaboration with Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC) and the Florida SBDC Network, provides short-term, interest-free working capital loans intended to help impacted businesses "bridge the gap" between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured long-term recovery resources, such as insurance claims or federal assistance. Eligible businesses with two to 100 employees may apply for loans up to \$50,000 for 90 or 180-day terms. Visit <https://floridacommerce.my.site.com/RebuildFloridaBusinessLoanFund/s/>

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Physical Disaster Loans - Businesses and most private nonprofit organizations located in a declared disaster area that incurred damage during a disaster may apply for a low-interest loan to help replace or restore damaged property if federal assistance is activated. Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. SBA makes physical disaster loans of up to \$2 million to qualified businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. Visit www.SBA.gov or <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/physical-damage-loans#business-physical-disaster> for full details. For help, call 800-659-2955 or send an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) - If federal assistance is activated and you are in a declared disaster area, have suffered substantial economic injury regardless of physical damage, and you are a small business, small agricultural cooperative, or private nonprofit organizations, you may qualify for an EIDL. EIDLs provide working capital to help businesses survive until

normal operations resume after a disaster. SBA can provide up to a maximum of \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses. A business may qualify for both an EIDL and a physical disaster loan, not to exceed the maximum of \$2 million. Visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/economic-injury-disaster-loans> for full details. For help, call 800-659-2955 or send an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

DisasterAssistance.gov - Florida survivors can apply for federal assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the FEMA App. Survivors using a relay service such as a video relay service, captioned telephone service, or others, give the FEMA operator the number for that service. To reduce your wait time on the phone, try calling early in the morning or later at night.

FloodSmart.gov - FEMA National Flood Insurance Program policyholders can start a claim when evacuated. They should ask their agent about advance payments to receive up to \$20,000. If you need help reaching your flood insurance agent or carrier, call the Disaster Assistance Number 800-621-3362. Visit www.Floodsmart.gov to start a flood insurance claim.

Small Business Development Center - Online compilation of business resources and links. www.SBDCtampabay.com/business-continuity-disaster-preparedness

Breeze Transit - Before and after an emergency, Breeze can offer transportation to evacuation centers. For the full schedule visit scgov.net or call 311

Suncoast Cares - Dial 211, Residents in Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto Counties can access 211 by phone, email, chat or text (just text your zip code to 898-211). Reaching out will get you connected to a multilingual 211 specialist in your area who can put you in touch with local organizations providing critical services.

Disaster Distress Helpline - Mental health resources are available. Survivors experiencing emotional distress can call or text the Disaster Distress Helpline. The national hotline provides free 24/7 crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human- caused disaster. Call 1-800-985-5990

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) - To verify a contractor's license or to file a complaint against a contractor call 850-487-1395 or visit www.myfloridalicense.com

Garbage Collection -

Sarasota County: 311

Solid Waste North County Service Area - Waste Pro: 941-340-0700

Solid Waste South County Service Area - FCC Environmental Services of Florida: 941-557-5040

City of Venice: 941-486-2422

City of North Port: 941-240-8050

City of Sarasota: 941-365-7651

Town of Longboat Key: 941-316-1988

Sheriff & Police Departments (Non-Emergency) -

Sarasota County Sheriff: 941-861-5800

Venice Police Department: 941-486-2444

North Port Police Department: 941-429-7300

Sarasota Police Department: 941-263-6773

Longboat Key Town Police Department: 941-316-1977

Wildlife Rescue -

Venice Wildlife Center: 941-484-9657

Safe Our Seabirds: 941-388-3010

Florida Fish and Wildlife: 1-888-404-3911

- Alligator - Nuisance: 866-392-4286
- Oil, Fuel, or Hazardous Material Spills: 800-320-0519
- Reporting Webpage: <https://myfwc.com/contact/incident-reporting/>

UF/IFAS Extension - Hurricane Preparedness for Horses and Livestock, Animal Identification <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/clayco/2017/10/17/hurricane-preparedness-horses-livestock-animal-identification/>