

## **Hurricane Michael**

States of emergency have been declared for counties in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia in response to Hurricane Michael. Additionally, residents in areas of South and North Carolina which were recently flooded by Hurricane Florence are being warned of further flash flooding and wind damage which Hurricane Michael may bring. The following resources may be helpful to those preparing for Hurricane Michael:

- *CNN*—"Hurricane Michael Threatens the Gulf": https://www.cnn.com/us/livenews/tropical-storm-hurricane-michael-florida/index.html
- The Weather Channel—"Hurricane Michael Just Hours Away From a Catastrophic, Unprecedented Florida Panhandle, Big Bend Category 4 Landfall": https://weather.com/storms/hurricane/news/2018-10-10hurricane-michael-cat4-historic-landfall-gulf-coast-florida
- ABC News—"Hurricane Michael—Follow the latest news, videos, and analysis from ABC News": https://abcnews.go.com/alerts/hurricanemichael?cid=clicksource\_interests\_embed
- National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center is always a great resource for current information: https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a place to learn how to prepare for disaster and, if necessary, apply for disaster assistance online: https://www.fema.gov/

Below are the emergency management websites and Twitter feeds for each impacted state. These sites will provide info about preparation, storm updates and warnings, evacuation orders and open shelters. In general, states are able to provide more specific and frequent updates on their Twitter feeds.

- Florida State of Emergency Response
  Team: https://www.floridadisaster.org/info/ and https://twitter.com/FLSERT
- Alabama Emergency Management
  Agency: https://ema.alabama.gov/ and https://twitter.com/AlabamaEMA
- Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency: http://www.gema.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx and https://twitter.com /GeorgiaEMA
- South Carolina Emergency
  Management: https://www.scemd.org/ and https://twitter.com/SCEMD
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management: https://www.ncdps.gov/ and https://twitter.com/NCEmergency

To help residents get ready, below are some tips from this website that may prove useful:

- Actions to Take When a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Threatens
- Build a Disaster Supplies Kit
- Disaster Planning Basics: Why Prepare?
- Disaster Preparedness for Alzheimer's Caregivers
- Emergency Alerts
- Emergency Preparedness Resources
- Family Emergency Communication Plan
- Hurricanes: Before, During, and After
- Hurricane Hazards
- Hurricane Readiness: Emergency Supplies You Will Need
- Pet and Animal Disaster Planning