

# Mississippi Disaster Resources

## COVID-19

Mississippi State Department of Health  
<https://msdh.ms.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

## Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

Phone: (601) 933-6362  
 1 Mema Drive, Pearl, Mississippi 39208  
<http://www.msema.org>

## Evacuation Information

Mississippi Department of Transportation  
<http://www.mdot.ms.gov>

## Fuel

GasBuddy  
<https://www.gasbuddy.com/USA/MS>

## Power Outages

Power Outage  
<https://poweroutage.us/area/state/mississippi>

Mississippi Power  
<https://www.mississippipower.com/>

Entergy  
<https://www.entergy.com/view-outages/>



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## WHAT IF...?



## U.S. Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)

<https://adpaas.army.mil/>

As a prudent precaution, all military members are requested to update their contact information and potential evacuation location on their respective Services' accountability systems. If an evacuation order is given, correct information is crucial for accountability!

## Army Reserve Psychological Health Program

<https://www.usar.army.mil/PHP/>

Behavioral Health is the balance between thoughts, moods, and behaviors. Disruption of this balance can result in problems like relationship conflict, worsening work or school performance, and difficulty meeting responsibilities. Maintaining behavioral health, or getting back on track once behavioral health has been disrupted, requires help and support. The Psychological Health Program can help you figure out what is going on and what you can do about it.

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/MSEMAorg1>

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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BEFORE/ AFTER



**ARE YOU  
PREPARED?**

### Ready (Make a Plan)

Make a family communication plan so everyone can be prepared.

<https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

### American Red Cross (Safe and Well)

1 800 RED CROSS ( 1-800-733-2767)

After a disaster, you can let your family and friends know that you're safe

<https://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter.html>

### National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

National VOAD members respond to disasters in the United States and around the world.

<https://www.nvoad.org>

### U-Haul Disaster Relief

U-Haul has a long-time policy of assisting those in need during natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc., by offering 30 days of free storage at participating U-Haul self-storage facilities on an as-available basis.

<https://www.uhaul.com/About/DisasterRelief>



## FOOD AND WATER RESOURCES

### U.S. Department of Agriculture (Food Assistance for Disaster Relief)

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with State, local and voluntary organizations to: Provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. Issue Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/disaster-assistance>

### FoodPantries.org

Directory of Food Banks, Soup Kitchens, and non-profit organizations committed to fighting hunger.

<https://www.foodpantries.org/st/mississippi>

### Feeding America

The Feeding America network is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization

<http://www.feedingamerica.org/>

Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**

**build a kit**



## SHELTERS

### American Red Cross

Find open shelters. If an emergency has forced you to evacuate your home, the Red Cross may be able to help.

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

### Homeless Shelter Directory

The Homeless Shelter Directory provides Homeless Shelters and Homeless Service Organizations. This includes all resources necessary to help the needy.

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/>

### FEMA

Mobile App and Text Messages

### SEARCH FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS NEAR YOU

To locate an open emergency shelter, text **SHELTER** and a **Zip Code** to **43362**.

### FIND OPEN DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS IN YOUR AREA

To locate an open Disaster Recovery Center, text **DRC** and a **Zip Code** to **43362**.



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## HOUSING RESOURCES

**FEMA**  
**(Transitional Sheltering Assistance)**  
<https://www.fema.gov/transitional-shelter-assistance>

If you are eligible for Transitional Sheltering Assistance, FEMA will pay for the cost to stay in certain hotels or motels for a limited period of time.

**(Participating Hotels)**  
<http://www.femaevachotels.com/>

Search the list participating locations. Room availability changes quickly, please call the hotel to be sure the hotel can accommodate your need.

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**  
<https://www.hud.gov/info/disasterresources>

HUD provides a variety of disaster resources.

**Soldier On**  
<http://www.wesoldieron.org>

Soldier On is committed to ending veteran homelessness. Providing homeless veterans with transitional housing and supportive services.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES



**Need Help Paying Bills**  
<https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/>

Find information on programs that offer a number of ways to get help with paying bills.

**Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA)**  
<https://feea.org/our-programs/disaster-relief/>

FEEA offers disaster relief grants to eligible federal employees when these disasters strike.

**Mississippi Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**  
Phone: 1-855-847-0555  
<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1537>

The Mississippi Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial assistance to eligible households to help pay the cost of home energy bills and other energy related services. Benefits vary depending on the intensity level and are based on the rating tool.



**Army Emergency Relief (AER)**  
<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>  
AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own." If you have questions about applying for AER assistance, please contact HQ AER at 1-866-878- 6378.

**AER (Reserves and National Guard)**  
Due to the current situation, AER will assist non-Title 10 ARNG and USAR Soldiers on a case-by-case basis when they are experiencing extreme or unusual financial hardship due to affected by the cancelation of Battle Assembly or loss of income.

**U.S. Small Business Administration**  
<https://www.sba.gov/offices/disaster/dacsc>

The Office of Disaster Assistance's mission is to provide low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes

**Disaster Assistance Improvement Program (DAIP)**  
<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

The Disaster Assistance Improvement Program's (DAIP) mission is to provide disaster survivors with information, support, services, and a means to access and apply for disaster assistance through joint data-sharing efforts between federal, tribal, state, local, and private sector partners.

**Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES)**  
<https://mdes.ms.gov/>

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security exists to help Mississippians find jobs and to help Mississippi's employers find quality employees.

**United Way (Mississippi)**  
<https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/mississippi>

Provides information on Financial Assistance.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>  
Phone: 1-800-273-8255

The Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource available to any Veteran, even if they are not enrolled in VA health care or registered with VA.

**Military OneSource**  
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>  
Phone: 1-800-342-9647

Military OneSource offers a wide range of individualized consultations, coaching and non-medical counseling for many aspects of Military Life. Also provides interpretation/ translation services and document translation.

**Crisis Text Line**  
<https://www.crisistextline.org/>

Text **HOME** to [741741](https://www.crisistextline.org/) from anywhere in the United States, anytime. Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform

**Give An Hour**  
<https://giveanhour.org/>

A national nonprofit organization with a large network of mental health professionals who offer no cost mental health counseling to those in need.



# Mississippi Disaster Resources

## GENERAL RESOURCES

### State Early Childhood Advisory Council of Mississippi

<https://childrensfoundationms.org/resource/state-early-childhood-advisory-council-secac/>

Works to promote an integrated network of community-based resources and services that strengthen practices that foster stability of families and the healthy development of children.

### Aunt Bertha (Find Help)

<https://www.findhelp.org/>

Find food, health, housing, job training programs and more, anywhere.

### Oblito

<https://www.oblito.com/>

List of social service programs for individuals and families in need.

### U.S. Department of Agriculture

<https://www.usda.gov/topics/disaster-resource-center>

Food, Property and Shelter, Food Safety and Food Assistance, Crop and Livestock Loss, Community Recovery Resources.

### Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

<https://www.fdic.gov/>

FDIC is an independent agency created by the U.S. Congress to maintain stability and public confidence in the nation's financial system by ensuring deposits, examining and supervising financial institutions for safety and soundness and consumer protection, and managing receiverships.

### Lawyers.com

<https://www.lawyers.com/>

Legal assistance information/ locate an attorney. We cover the ins and outs of all kinds of legal topics, and we make it easy to research and connect with attorneys.

### ChildCare.gov

<https://www.childcare.gov/state-resources?state=29&type=202>

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### Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)

<https://mississippi.org>

The agency works to recruit new business to the state and retain and expand existing Mississippi industry and business.

### Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid

<https://www.msfinancialaid.org/>

Provides a list of scholarships, grants and other financial assistance programs in the state of Mississippi.

### Financial Help Resources

<https://www.financialhelpresources.com/state/mississippi.html>

Offers many types of financial aid and assistance for those in need.



## MILITARY RESOURCES

### Military OneSource

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Phone: 1-800-342-9647

Military OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, answers and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges and thrive. As a member of our military family, you are eligible to use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and much more.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program

<http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds>

Unmet Needs is there to help America's military families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required.



### Vets 4 Warriors

<https://www.vets4warriors.com/>

To provide sustained, confidential peer support to any veteran, service member, family member, or caregiver whenever they have an issue, wherever they are in the world. We help before challenges turn into crises.

### National Resource Directory

<https://nrd.gov/>

National Resource Directory connects wounded, ill & injured service members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers with those who support them.

### USA Cares

<http://www.usacares.org/>

USA Cares' mission is to provide post-9/11 military veterans, service members, and their families with financial assistance and post service skills training to create a foundation for long-term stability.

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## MILITARY RESOURCES (con't)

### TRICARE

<https://www.tricare.mil/contactus/>

TRICARE is the health care program for uniformed service members, retirees, and their families around the world.

### Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.va.gov/>

The US Department of Veterans Affairs provides patient care and federal benefits to Veterans and their dependents.

## INTERNET/PHONE SERVICE

### AT&T

<https://www.att.com/>

### Verizon

<https://www.verizonwireless.com>

### T-Mobile

<https://www.t-mobile.com/>

### Sprint

<https://www.sprint.com/>

### Straight Talk

<https://www.straighttalk.com>

### C spire

<https://www.cspire.com>

### Xfinity

<https://www.xfinity.com>

## PET & LIVESTOCK RESOURCES

### Ready

<https://www.ready.gov/animals>

Your pets are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan.



### Missing Pet Network

<http://www.missingpet.net>

The MPN gives advice on how to find missing pet/animals.

### American Humane

<https://www.americanhumane.org/>

American Humane is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well-being of animals.

### Global Animal Foundation

<https://www.globalanimal.org/>

Our mission is to swiftly get resources on the ground during natural disasters and other emergencies that put animals, from pets to wildlife, in critical peril.

## EMERGENCIES DO HAPPEN.



## TRANSPORTATION

### American Public Transportation Association

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/mississippi/>

Locate all forms of public transportation in the state of Mississippi.

### U.S. Department of Transportation

<https://www.transportation.gov/>

Serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.

### Flight Aware

<https://flightaware.com/live/>

Flight Aware is the world's largest flight tracking data company.

### Defense Travel System (DTS)

<https://dtsproweb.defensetravel.osd.mil/dts-app/pubsite/all/view>



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## REPLACE YOUR LOST DOCUMENTS

**American Express**  
1-800-528-4800

<https://www.americanexpress.com>

**Discover**

1-800-347-2683

<https://www.discover.com/credit-cards/help-center>

**MasterCard**

1-800-627-8372

<https://www.mastercard.us/en-us/personal/get-support.html>

**Visa**

1-800-847-2911

<https://usa.visa.com/support/consumer/lost-stolen-card.html>



**Annual Credit Report**

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/ind-ex.action>

**Green Card**

<https://www.uscis.gov>

**Identity Theft Resource Center**

<http://www.idtheftcenter.org>



**Social Security Card**

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**Medicare Cards**

1-800-633-4227

<https://faq.ssa.gov/en-us/Topic/article/KA-01735>

**Passport**

<https://travel.state.gov/>

**Military Records**

[www.archives.gov/contact/](http://www.archives.gov/contact/)

**Real Estate & Property Records (Mortgage Documents, Deeds, etc.)**

<https://propertydeeds.org/lost-property-deed-replacement-procedure/>

**Insurance Documents:**

Contact your own insurance agent

**Medical and Prescription Records:**

Call your own doctor; medical and prescription records are tracked electronically.



## American Red Cross

**Emergency: Alerts American Red Cross**

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/emergency-by-americanred/id954783878>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cube.arc.hzd>



**Hero Care - American Red Cross**

Hero Care by the American Red Cross is a complete solution for members of the military, veterans, and their families to prepare for, cope with and respond to the challenges of military service.

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hero-care/id1120615435>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cube.arc.saf>

## MOBILE APPS



**First Aid: American Red Cross**

Get instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies.

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/firstaid-by-american-redcross/id529160691>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cube.arc.fa>

**Pet First Aid: American Red Cross**

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hero-care/id1120615435>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cube.arc.pfa>



**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cdc/id487847188>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.cdc.general>



**SAMHSA**

Behavioral Health Disaster Response App is designed for behavioral health professionals and provides access to evidenced based mental health and substance use information, tools, and resources for use in the field

**Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sirengps-mobile/id771924564>

**Google:**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.hhs.samhsa.app.disaster>



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## FEMA RESOURCES

### 3 Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid



**ONLINE**

[disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov)

**PHONE**

800-621-3362  
(711/Video Relay Service)  
800-462-7585 (TTY)



**FEMA APP**

[fema.gov/mobile-app](https://fema.gov/mobile-app)



#### National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System

The FEMA National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System (NEFRLS) may be activated following a presidentially declared disaster at the request of an affected State to help reunite families that have become separated as a result of the disaster.

#### Disaster Recovery Centers

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is a fixed or mobile provisional facility set up by FEMA that provides a central location near disaster impacted areas where Federal, State, Tribal, and non-government organizations have recovery information, assistance, and services to disaster survivors.

#### Group Flood Insurance Policy

As part of the effort to reduce future expenses from floods, FEMA directly purchases Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP) certificates on behalf of applicants who are required to obtain and maintain flood insurance.

#### Mass Care /Emergency Services Reunification Service

FEMA has the statutory requirement to facilitate the reunification of unaccompanied minors with their custodial parents/legal guardians, as well as the voluntary reunification of adults with their families, during declared emergencies or major disasters.

#### Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program

The CCP supports short-term interventions that involve the counseling goals of assisting disaster survivors.

#### Disaster Legal Services Fact Sheet

The purpose of Disaster Legal Services (DLS) is to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals who prior to or as a result of the disaster, are unable to secure legal services adequate to meet their disaster-related needs.

#### Disaster Unemployment Assistance

The purpose of Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is to provide unemployment benefits and reemployment services to individuals who have become unemployed as a result of a major disaster and who are not eligible for regular State unemployment insurance.

#### Generator Reimbursement – Individuals and Households Program

Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individuals and Households Program, and in conjunction with the State, eligible applicants may be reimbursed for the purchase or rental of a generator required for medical purposes.

#### Funeral Assistance Fact Sheet

This fact sheet describes the eligible costs associated with FEMA Funeral Assistance under the Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

#### Assistance to Individuals & Households Program (IHP)

The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial help or direct services to those who have necessary expenses and serious needs if they are unable to meet the needs through other means.

#### Assistance for Active Military and Civilian Personnel

FEMA may provide assistance to active military and civilian personnel if it is not duplicated with assistance offered by the Department of Defense or other available resources.

#### Child Care Assistance

FEMA has the ability to award Child Care Assistance through the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision of the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), to assist disaster survivors who have a disaster caused financial burden for child care.

#### Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) –

Individuals and Households Program FEMA may provide direct assistance to eligible disaster survivors through either the Multi-family Lease & Repair Program, in which FEMA contracts with the property owner or landlord to repair multi-family rental units for use as temporary housing, or by providing Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs).

#### Cora Brown Fund

The purpose of the Cora Brown Fund is to help provide for disaster-related needs that have not or will not be met by governmental agencies or any other organization, which has programs to address such needs.

#### Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Describes the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

#### Disaster Survivor Assistance

The DSA mission is to build and sustain an expeditionary cadre that can establish a timely presence primarily focused on addressing the needs of disproportionately impacted populations and disaster survivors.



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## Disaster Evacuation for Soldiers, Civilians, & Dependents



### Who can evacuate?

- DoD Civilians, DoD Civilian dependents, and active duty status Military dependents. Dependents are defined as individuals that are listed in the DoD Civilian or Military service member DEERS record.
- Dependents of TPU Soldiers not in an active status are not eligible. Inactive Duty Training (IDT) periods of any type are not recognized as an active duty status.
- Soldiers do not evacuate. Soldiers must be in a TDY or PCS status to be ordered from their PDS. If a Soldier is TDY to an area directed to be evacuated, the Soldier should return immediately to the PDS. In the event the PDS is within an evacuation zone, the Command will assist the Soldier with relocation to a 'Safe Haven' location consistent with Command guidance.

### Who can order the evacuation?

Per JTR, the senior commander of the local area is the only authorized authority to order evacuation of DoD Civilians, DoD Civilian dependents or military service dependents.



### Where to go?

DoD Civilians, DoD Civilian dependents, Military family dependents can evacuate to any area within the mileage radius specified in the evacuation order published by the senior commander for their area. This is commonly known as a 'Safe Haven' location. Soldiers will remain in contact with their unit of assignment for further instructions for their authorized TDY location.

### Who can authorize return?

The senior commander in coordination with local civil authorities will officially terminate the evacuation order and authorize an immediate return to the PDS. Entitlements will stop upon the effective date of the evacuation order termination.

### Who is paying for DoD Civilians, DoD Civilian dependents, Military family dependents to evacuate?

The evacuation LOA is provided in the instructions for the DD 1610. These are not unit funds.

Who is paying for the Military Soldiers? Soldiers do not evacuate, they are in a TDY or PCS status. At this time the OFTS Commands must use their own OMAR Base funding. Units will report these costs per HQ USARC instructions.

### Is the Government Travel Charge Card (GOVCC) authorized for use?

Yes. Please ensure the GOVCC is used in accordance with DoDI. OFTS Command G-8's should change GOVCC status to mission critical as needed. Personnel not authorized GOVCC may submit for a travel advance through DFAS Rome.



### DFAS Link for more info:

<https://www.dfas.mil/MilitaryMembers/travelpay/DFAS-Employee-Evacuation-Orders/>

<https://www.dfas.mil/civilianemployees/travelpay/information/evacuationorders/>