

Isaac Update: While it looks like Isaac may not hit the Tampa Bay area directly, it is still important for all Florida residents and visitors to use caution as they travel in and around the Sunshine State. Federal, state and local officials and their partners are ready for the storm, and individuals, families and businesses should prepare, as well. For hurricane preparedness tips, click [here](#) .

Tropical Storm Debby Update: Florida's State Emergency Response Team and the Federal Emergency Management Agency community relations teams are in the 11 declared counties going door to door with disaster assistance information to help survivors recover from Tropical Storm Debby. Survivors are encouraged to register with FEMA by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), going online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or using the FEMA app or m.FEMA.gov with a smartphone or tablet. [Read more by clicking here](#) .

A disaster recovery center is open in Pasco County to help those whose homes or businesses were affected by Tropical Storm Debby. The centers are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Representatives from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and other agencies will be at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors apply for aid. The disaster recovery center is located at the following address: [Trouble Creek Square Shopping Center, 4444 Grand Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34652](#)

During a natural disaster, households and governments must be as prepared as possible to respond and

Federal, state, and local governments should be taking the necessary steps to ensure they are prepared

However, disaster readiness should not solely lie on the shoulders of the government. Individuals must p

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Below you can find links to both Federal and local websites that provide useful information to help prote

[* Hurricane Preparedness Checklist *](#)

Hurricane Preparedness Information

- [FEMA Hurricane Preparedness Website](#)
 - [National Weather Service Hurricane Awareness](#)
 - [National Hurricane Center](#)
 - [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Coastal Services Center](#)
 - [Glossary of National Hurricane Center Terms](#)
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Federal and State Resources

- [Florida Division of Emergency Management](#)
 - [Tampa Bay Chapter of the Red Cross](#)
 - [Small Business Administration Disaster Preparedness Guide](#)
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- [Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#)
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Local Evacuation Levels

- [Pinellas County](#)
 - [Pasco County](#)
 - [Hillsborough County](#)
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Local Emergency Management Offices

- [Pinellas County Emergency Management](#)
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Storm Tracking

- [National Weather Service](#)
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