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## Disaster Assistance Information

### Hurricane Irma

September 2017

#### **FEMA Disaster Assistance**

To access disaster help and resources or apply for financial assistance

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

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#### **DSNAP-Disaster Food Stamps.**

Anyone in the affected areas within the income eligibility allotments can apply.

Income Eligibility - <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/disaster/FY17-Disaster-Income-Eligibility-Standards-and-Allotments.pdf>

Website - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/d-snap-resources-state-agencies-and-partners>

Florida Phone Hotline – 1-866-762-2237

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#### **Disaster Unemployment**

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program provides unemployment benefits to individuals who have become unemployed as a direct result of a declared major disaster

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/597>

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#### **American Red Cross**

[https://www.redcross.org/ns/apology/disaster\\_homepage.html](https://www.redcross.org/ns/apology/disaster_homepage.html)

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## **SBA Disaster Loans & Grants**

SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters. SBA disaster loans can be used to repair or replace the following items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster: real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets.

<https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans>

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## **Mortgage Reprieve Program**

In Major Disaster Areas where federal Individual Assistance programs have been extended, your mortgage company is authorized to: Suspend mortgage payments for up to 12 months; Waive assessments of penalties or late fees against borrowers with disaster-damaged homes; Suspend reporting mortgage loan delinquencies caused by the disaster to the nation's credit bureaus. You must call your mortgage company to see if you qualify.

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## **IRS Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Losses**

Generally, you may deduct casualty and theft losses relating to your home, household items, and vehicles on your federal income tax return. You may not deduct casualty and theft losses covered by insurance, unless you file a timely claim for reimbursement and you reduce the loss by the amount of any reimbursement or expected reimbursement

<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc515.html>

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## **Florida Power & Light Power Tracker**

Florida Power & Light is working day and night to restore power after Hurricane Irma. You can track the progress in your area at:

<http://fplmaps.com/>

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## **Report Fraud**

Disaster victims be on the lookout for scammers and fraud in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. You can report fraud, including price gouging at:

National Center for Disaster Fraud

Email - [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov)

Phone - 866-720-5721

Website – [www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud](http://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud)

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