

Twelve Additional Florida Counties Eligible for Operation Blue Roof

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Orlando, Fla. – Eligible homeowners in **Brevard, Citrus, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, St. Lucie, and Volusia** counties are now eligible for no cost assistance with temporary roof repairs. The newly added counties are in addition to **Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota** counties that were previously approved.

Operation Blue Roof provides a temporary covering of blue plastic sheeting to help reduce further damage to property until permanent repairs can be made. The blue plastic sheeting is installed using strips of wood that are secured to the roof with nails or screws.

Only primary residences with standard shingled roofs are eligible to receive a temporary blue roof. Metal roofs and mobile homes may be repaired as practical on a case by case basis. Roofs with greater than 50 percent structural damage are not eligible for this program.

For rental property, legal permission for a blue roof to be installed must be obtained from the property owner. Renters must also obtain legal permission from their landlord to continue occupying the residence until more permanent repairs are made.

Homeowners must sign a Right of Entry (ROE) form to allow government employees and contractors onto their property to assess damage and install the temporary covering. ROE collection centers are open from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week** unless otherwise noted.

Three new Right of Entry collection centers have opened:

BROWARD COUNTY



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Walmart Parking Lot
2500 West Broward Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Lowe's Home Improvement
2000 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

MONROE COUNTY

30320 Overseas Highway
Big Pine Key, FL 33050

Additional ROE centers are located at:

COLLIER COUNTY

Development Services Building
2800 North Horseshoe Dr.
Naples, FL 34104

The Growth Center
310 Alachua St.
Immokalee, FL 34142

DESOTO COUNTY

County Library
125 N Hillsboro Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

GLADES COUNTY

County Training Center
1030 Industrial Highway
Moore Haven, FL 33471



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HARDEE COUNTY

County Library
315 N. 6th Ave.
Wauchula, FL 33873

HENDRY COUNTY

Walmart Parking Lot
1951 Hickpochee Ave.
LaBelle, FL 33935

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

County Civic Center
4509 George Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33875

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Seffner-Mano Branch Library
410 N. Kingsway Rd.
Seffner, FL 33584

LEE COUNTY

Lowe's Home Improvement
8040 Dani Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33966

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Clark Government Center
111 Northwest 1st St.
Miami, FL 33128

Lowe's Home Improvement
1850 NE 8th St.
Homestead, FL 33033



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PALM BEACH COUNTY: *Note hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday

Belle Glade Library
725 NW 4th St.
Belle Glade, FL 33430

PINELLAS COUNTY

The Outreach Center
12875 Walsingham Rd.
Largo, FL 33774

POLK COUNTY

5253 Airport Blvd.
Bartow, FL 33830

SARASOTA COUNTY

Bee Ridge Park
4430 South Lockwood Ridge Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34231

Current information on Operation Blue Roof is available on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Jacksonville District website at www.saj.usace.army.mil/BlueRoof and at **1-888-ROOF-BLU (1-888-766-3258)**. Information is provided in both English and Spanish through this single number. The Blue Roof webpage is also available in Spanish at www.saj.usace.army.mil/blueroof_espanol/.

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FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan.

However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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