Disaster Recovery Center Open in Charlotte County

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Charlotte County to provide one-on-one help to Floridians affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Survivors of any of the storms can visit any center.

Survivors do **not** need to visit a center to apply for assistance. Survivors are encouraged to apply online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or by downloading the FEMA App. FEMA does not distribute cash at Disaster Recovery Centers.

Center location:

Charlotte County

South County Regional Park 670 Cooper St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Hours: 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday-Sunday

To find other center locations go to <u>fema.gov/drc</u> or text "DRC" and a Zip Code to 43362. All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Homeowners and renters are encouraged to apply online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or by using the <u>FEMA App</u>. You may also apply by phone at **800-621-3362.** If you choose to apply by phone, please understand wait times may be longer because of increased volume for multiple recent disasters. Lines are open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to <u>FEMA</u> <u>Accessible: Applying for Individual Assistance - YouTube</u>.

If you applied to FEMA after Hurricane Helene and have additional damage from Hurricane Milton, you will need to apply separately for Milton and provide the



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dates of your most recent damage.

For the latest information about Hurricane Milton recovery, visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4834</u>. For Hurricane Helene recovery information, visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4828</u>. Follow FEMA on X at <u>x.com/femaregion4</u> or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.



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