Apply for Operation Blue Roof at New Locations Across Florida

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Eligible homeowners in **Broward**, **Charlotte**, **Collier**, **DeSoto**, **Glades**, **Hardee**, **Hendry**, **Highlands**, **Hillsborough**, **Lee**, **Manatee**, **Miami-Dade**, **Monroe**, **Palm Beach**, **Pinellas**, **Polk**, and **Sarasota** counties who sustained roof damage from Hurricane Irma now have additional locations where they can apply for Operation Blue Roof and complete the Right of Entry (ROE) form that allows government employees and contractors onto their property to assess damage and install a temporary covering.

Operation Blue Roof, which assists eligible homeowners with temporary roof repairs, is a program the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tasks the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, to implement. This program is currently available at no cost only to eligible primary homeowners in 17 Florida counties. This program may be expanded to other counties later.

All centers are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, unless otherwise stated below.

Collier County

Growth Management Center310 Alachua St.Immokalee, FL 34142

Development Services Building2800 North Horseshoe DriveNaples, FL 34104

DeSoto County

County Library125 N Hillsboro AveArcadia, FL 34266

Glades County



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County Training Center1030 Industrial HighwayMoore Haven, FL 33471

Hardee County

County Library315 N 6th Ave.Wauchula, FL 33873

Hendry County

Walmart Parking Lot1951 Hickpochee AveLaBelle, FL 33935

Highlands County

County Civic Center4509 George Blvd.Sebring, FL 33875

Hillsborough County

Seffner-Mano Branch Library410 N. Kingsway RoadSeffner, FL 33584

Lee County

Lowe's Home Improvement8040 Dani DriveFort Myers, FL 33966

Miami-Dade County (opening today, Sept. 21)

Clark Government Center111 Northwest 1st St.Miami, FL 33128

Miami-Dade County

Lowe's Home Improvement1850 NE 8th St.Homestead, FL 33033

Monroe County (opening today, Sept. 21)



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30320 Overseas Highway Big Pine Key, FL 33050

Monroe County (closing today, Sept. 21)

DTOS/Home Depot4555 Overseas HighwayMarathon, FL 33050

Palm Beach (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday)

Belle Glades Library725 NW 4th St.Belle Glades, FL 33430

Pinellas County

The Outreach Center12629 Ulmerton RoadLargo, FL 33774

Polk County

5253 Airport Blvd. (near airport)Bartow, FL 33830

Sarasota County

Bee Ridge Park4430 South Lockwood Ridge RoadSarasota, FL 34231

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 also must get legal permission from their landlord to continue occupying the residence until more permanent repairs are made.



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Information about Operation Blue Roof is available on the Jacksonville District websites at www.saj.usace.army.mil/BlueRoof,

<u>www.saj.usace.army.mil/blueroof_espanol/</u>. Information is also available in English and Spanish by calling 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258).

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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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