

EMERGENCY RELIEF RESOURCES

ART RECOVERY AND CONSERVATION

AMERICAN INSTITUTE CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS COLLECTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (AIC-CERT)

AIC-CERT can aid any institution, organization, collectors, or artists who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Resources and information on disaster recovery and salvage can be found on the AIC website at www.conservation-us.org/disaster

Call AIC's 24-hour assistance number at 202.661.8068 for advice by phone.

Call 202.661.8068 to arrange for a team to come to the site to complete damage assessments and help with salvage organization.

They can also be reached via email - info@conservation-us.org

AIC, CERT's Disaster Recovery Resources:

http://www.moma.org/docs/explore/conservation/resources_for_disaster_response_aic.pdf

ARTCARENYC

Rustin Levenson Art Conservation Associates: online tutorial on how to care for paintings damaged by the storm: <http://artcarenc.com/content/how-care-paintings-damaged-storm>

ARTSREADY

<http://www.artsready.org/>

ArtsReady had compiled a comprehensive list of resources for conserving artwork, post-storm. Review links to find information about stabilizing works, repairing damage and contacting relevant organizations for assistance.

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=d978aeb7b11c25a41fe65fbd1&id=462712aea9>

CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) is now available to conduct immediate, emergency assessments for museums that have sustained damage to collections or historic structures due to Hurricane Sandy. Museums located in federally declared disaster areas may apply to CAP for an assessment by a conservator and, if applicable, a historic preservation specialist. Applications will be reviewed immediately and upon acceptance into the program, museums will be able to select assessors and schedule an on-site visit. CAP assessors will evaluate damage and recommend recovery steps.

For all applicants interested in CAP, the postmark deadline has been extended from Monday, December 3, 2012 to Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/CAP/index.html>

CONSERVATION ONLINE

For tips on stabilizing documents after flooding: <http://cool.conservation-us.org/byorg/nps/npsafter.html>

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Instructional video on soot damage: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/video/HPsoot.html>

Instructional video on water damage:

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/WaterSegmentFG.HTM>

The ERS: Emergency Response and Salvage app provides the same reliable content found in the original Emergency Response Salvage Wheel; invaluable guidance for those in need of practical advice for saving collections in the first 48 hours of a disaster. Available in the App Store.

Emergency National Task Force information on preparing for and responding to emergencies: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/TFDownloads.html>

LMCC ART RECOVERY / CONSERVATION LIST

http://www.lmcc.net/cooler/dedicated/2012/2012.11.hurricane_sandy.html

MoMA

Immediate response for Collections/Art Handling (PDF):

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CDAQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.moma.org%2Fdocs%2Fexplore%2Femergency_guidelines_for_art_disasters.pdf&ei=xbHHUMChMPPy0QGLpYHIAQ&usq=AFQjCNHLAqdRUltM9IsaxszESv5CnKhAXA

Consortium on Recovery of Works of Art Damaged by Flooding:

http://www.moma.org/docs/explore/conservation/consortium_on_recovery_of_works_of_art_damaged_by_flooding_aic.pdf

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING

Managing Collections After a Disaster (includes salvage instructions by material, with priority and handling precautions): <http://ncptt.nps.gov/managing-collections-in-a-disaster/>

NATIONAL DOCUMENT CONSERVATION CENTER

<http://www.nedcc.org/disaster/disaster.php>

24/7 hotline for paper-based collections: 978.470.1010

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: Conserve O Grams

The National Park Service's Museum Management Program publishes this series of short, focused leaflets about caring for museum objects. Included are extensive instructions for salvaging a variety of objects from water damage, fire, exposure and other hazards, and creating an emergency operation plan.

http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/cons_toc.html

STUDIO PROTECTOR

Salvage: tips on preventing further damage and saving what you can. Excerpted from the Studio Protector guide, will help artists set priorities and maximize salvage efforts after a disaster.

<http://www.studioprotector.org/onlineguide/salvage.aspx>

ART SERVICES

ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE OR REHEARSAL SPACES IN NEW YORK

NYC Performing Arts Space is a website geared towards performers in dance, theater and music, who are in need of a venue to rehearse, teach a private class or perform.

<http://nycpaspace.org/spaces>

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Guide to Navigating FEMA and Small Business Administration Disaster Aid for Cultural Institutions: <http://www.giarts.org/article/guide-navigating-federal-emergency-management-agency-and-small-business-administration-disas>

HURRICANE SANDY—ARTISTS' RELIEF EXCHANGE

The primary purpose is to assist artists who have had a career-threatening emergency, but also serves artists who are just starting out and artists who need resources to take the next step in their careers. <http://exchange.craftemergency.org/>

MISTER ARTSEE DISCOUNT CARD

In response to so many in the art profession affected by hurricane Sandy, the ART© group has created a Mister ArtSee hurricane recovery discount card. Artists, art galleries, and any other arts related professionals who have suffered damages from Sandy are eligible to receive a free card from the ART© group. A growing list of retailers including Pearl Paint, Dick Blick, The Compleat Sculptor and others, are offering special discounts and savings to card holders.

To apply for a Mister ArtSee discount card, simply send your name and contact information to: MisterArtSee@aol.com

For more information and updates:
www.MisterArtSee.org or call 646-824-8300

NYFA

NYFA Source: comprehensive list of emergency resources, including state-by-state resources: <http://www.nyfa.org/source/content/content/disasterresources/disasterresources.aspx?DRID=49&CID=5&UDRID>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ACTORS' FUND OF AMERICA

Emergency Assistance Fund available to professionals in the performing arts or entertainment industries. <http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/HurricaneSandyApplicationInstructions>

ADOLPH & ESTHER GOTTLIEB FOUNDATION

The Emergency Assistance Program is intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified artists whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. Each grant is given as one-time assistance for a specific emergency, examples of which are fire, flood, or emergency medical need. The maximum amount of this grant is \$10,000; and award of \$4,000 is typical.
<http://gottliebfoundation.org/grants/emergency-grant/>

ART DEALER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The ADAA Relief Fund will provide grants and loans for member and non-member galleries located in Zone A that have been unable to conduct business due to hurricane damage. The funds are being distributed to aid in restoration for galleries in dire need of financial assistance. Recipient galleries in the process of being identified and prioritized by need and must meet criteria which include: catastrophic damage prohibiting gallery business, drastically impaired cash flow, and demonstrated risk of a business' permanent closure. It is our hope that this injection of resources will speed recovery and assist the entire gallery community in restoring this vital component of cultural life in New York City. http://www.artdealers.org/adaa_relief_application.html

ART DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES

ADAA has compiled resources for our members and the entire gallery community regarding ADAA's Relief Fund, Federal Assistance, New York City Resources, Tax Relief, Private Relief, Insurance, Conservation, Documentation, and Legal Advice and Claims Counsel.
<http://artdealers.org/sandyreliefresources.html>

THE ARTISTS' FELLOWSHIP

A charitable foundation that provides financial assistance to professional fine artists and their families in times of emergency, disability, or bereavement:

<http://www.artistsfellowship.com/financial.html>

CRAFT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (CERF+)

CERF+ emergency relief assistance, provides small grants, no-interest loans, access to resources, waivers and discounts on booth fees, and donations of craft supplies and equipment, to professional craft artists who have experienced a recent, career-threatening emergency.

For more information about CERF+'s emergency relief assistance for professional craft artists, please contact: relief@craftemergency.org, 802-229-2306

http://craftemergency.org/artists_services/emergency_relief/grants_loans

RAPID RELIEF: EMERGENCY GRANTS

CERF+'s Emergency Grants are designed to provide immediate help to eligible craft artists after career-threatening emergencies. The maximum potential Emergency Grant is \$3,000. The maximum potential Emerging Professional Craft Artist Emergency Grant is \$2,000. CERF+ loans and other CERF+ grants are not available to those qualifying for this grant program.

CAREER RECOVERY: EMERGENCY RECOVERY LOAN

CERF+'s Emergency Recovery Loan is used by an eligible craft artist to re-establish, improve, or possibly expand his/her work capacity after an emergency. The maximum potential Emergency Recovery Loan is \$8,000. No interest is charged and loans must be repaid within five years. To be considered for an Emergency Recovery Loan, applicants must answer all applicable application questions, provide a cash flow projection statement for the next 12 months as well a short, loan-related business plan.

FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS

Emergency grants for visual and performing artists who have unanticipated, sudden opportunities to present their work to the public, or who incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates.

http://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grant_programs/immediate_needs.html

FRACTURED ATLAS (YEAR-LONG FISCAL SPONSORSHIP)

If you are an artist or organization who has suffered damages for financial losses as a result of the storm, Fractured Atlas will provide a free 1-year membership. Until the end of the year, Fractured Atlas is conducting special rush reviews of new applications.

[http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/blog/2012/11/02/sandy-affected-artists-and-organizations-wed-like-to-](http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/blog/2012/11/02/sandy-affected-artists-and-organizations-wed-like-to-help/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+fracturedatlas+%28Fractured+Atlas+Blog%29)

[help/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+fracturedatlas+%28Fractured+Atlas+Blog%29](http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/blog/2012/11/02/sandy-affected-artists-and-organizations-wed-like-to-help/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+fracturedatlas+%28Fractured+Atlas+Blog%29)

GRANTMAKERS IN THE ARTS

Emergency Readiness, Response & Recovery Resources: <http://www.giarts.org/emergency-readiness-response-recovery>

THE HAVEN FOUNDATION

Need-based aid granted to freelance artists, writers and those in the entertainment and publishing industries who have found themselves unable to work due to disease or accident.

<http://www.thehavenfdn.org/>

JOAN MITCHELL FOUNDATION:

The Foundation has funding allocated specifically for emergency assistance to painters and sculptors affected by natural disasters. Email info@joanmitchellfoundation.org.

MAX'S KANSAS CITY PROJECT

Provides emergency funding and resources to professionals in the creative arts who demonstrate a need for medical aid, legal aid, or housing: <http://www.maxskansascity.org/funding.htm>

MUSICARES HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF FUND

The MusiCares Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund has been set up so music people in crisis can quickly get help. Assistance includes basic living expenses such as shelter, food, utilities, and transportation; medical expenses including doctor, dentist and hospital bills, and medications; clothing; instrument and recording equipment replacement; relocation costs; home repairs; debris removal; and more.

Apply for assistance here - http://www.grammy.org/files/pages/sandy_relief_app.pdf

Or contact MusiCares' toll-free help lines at 1.877.303.6962 or 1.877.626.2748.

NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES (Available to Cultural Organizations)

The New York Council for the Humanities is offering grants of up to \$1000 to defray salary and overtime costs for staff members working on storm related clean up at cultural organizations. Any New York State cultural groups whose buildings or collections were affected by Sandy are eligible to apply. Organizations that have already received Council grant support in 2012 may also apply.

Applications for these special grants will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 31, 2012 with notification within four weeks of the receipt of an application. For more information and the short application form are available at www.nyhumanities.org/grants/recovery12.php

NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Andy Warhol Foundation, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation and Lambent Foundation (a project of the Tides Center) have established an Emergency Relief Fund, administered by NYFA to assist artists with damages (broadly defined and include, but are not limited to: damage to physical work; damage to homes/studios/other facilities; loss of equipment or supplies; loss of income, and reimbursement for cancelled performances/appearances/engagements) and losses as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Eligible artists can be working in any discipline and reside in Connecticut, New Jersey or New York.

An overwhelming majority of grants will range between \$1,000 and \$5,000, but there may be extraordinary circumstances in which slightly smaller or larger grants might be made.

<http://www.nyfa.org/level2.asp?id=202&fid=1>

NYC BUSINESS EMERGENCY LOANS

Under a New York City program coordinated by the Department of Small Business Services and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, emergency loans up to \$10,000 are available for small and midsize businesses. Call 311 and ask for "NYC Business Emergency Loan" or contact the NYC Business Solutions Account Manager here:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/contact/manager.shtml>

POLLOCK-KRASNER FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO HURRICANE SANDY DISASTER

Deeply concerned for the welfare of artists affected by the Hurricane Sandy disaster, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation is currently accepting emergency requests for grants to professional visual artists, which will be expedited under the Foundation's guidelines. Artists are encouraged to visit our Foundation's website, www.pkf.org where we have an online application. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Foundation by telephone (212-517-5400) or fax (212-288-2836). All requests will be promptly addressed. A completed application form, cover letter, exhibition history and ten images of your work (jpegs or photos of work will be accepted) will be needed to be considered for our emergency grants.

SUPERSTORM SANDY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

If you are an active SAG-AFTRA member facing hardship due to the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy, the Screen Actors Guild Foundation (SAG Foundation) and the Screen Actors Guild Motion Picture Players Welfare Fund (SAG MPPWF) are here to help.

Affected and eligible SAG-AFTRA members may apply to the fund for one-time cash grants of up to \$2,400 from the SAG Foundation and an additional \$2,400 from the SAG MPPWF, for a total potential assistance grant of \$4,800 per person upon approval. Members are eligible to apply if they are currently active and have paid their dues through the May 2012 billing cycle.

Members in need can apply by contacting The Actors Fund intake services directly at:
Eastern Region - 212.221.7300 ext. 119 intakeny@actorsfund.org
<http://www.sagfoundation.org/content/superstorm-sandy-emergency-assistance-fund>

LEGAL RESOURCES

DISASTER RELIEF LEGAL ASSISTANCE MANUAL

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/storage/lsny/PDFs/lsnyc%20disaster%20relief%20legal%20assistance%20manual.pdf>

FREE CONSULTATIONS REGARDING LOST OR DAMAGED ART

New York State-based visual artists and arts nonprofits who were affected by Hurricane Sandy can contact the Law Office of Sergio Munoz Sarmiento for questions pertaining to an artist's lost or damaged artworks — whether it was in their studio, home, gallery, or museum — and also calls pertaining to any damages to their studios or living areas. Arts nonprofits are also welcome to call with similar questions pertaining to lost or damaged artwork or other operational questions.
<http://artlawoffice.com/2012/11/ny-artists-legal-information/>

LEGAL SERVICES NYC

South Brooklyn Legal Services, Bed Stuy Legal Services, and Legal Services NYC–Brooklyn Branch, working in collaboration to help Brooklyn residents recover from Hurricane Sandy, have created a new Twitter feed to disseminate crucial, timely legal information to advocates and residents. By following @BrooklynLegal, legal and policy advocates across the city, as well as residents devastated by Sandy, can learn about how to apply for replacement food stamps, what their housing and shelter options are, how to apply for disaster unemployment assistance, and more. Legal Services NYC continues to tweet as a Citywide organization at @LSNYCtweets.
<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=703>

LEGAL SERVICES NYC SANDY RECOVERY HOTLINE

LSNYC advocates will continue to work in communities around the City to help people access benefits, obtain safe affordable housing and handle other legal issues to help families and communities recover. If you are in need of assistance, please call our Citywide Sandy Recovery Hotline: (347) 592-2411. The hotline will be staffed from 10am-3pm beginning on Tuesday, November 6th.
<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=702>

RESIDENCIES

EMERGENCY RELIEF RESIDENCES

The Santa Fe Art Institute will be opening its doors to artists affected by the devastation of Superstorm Sandy through its international Artists and Writers Residency Program. Artists and writers who wish to apply for a respite residency may do so immediately by submitting supporting materials to Residency Director, Katie Avery, at kavery@sfai.org. If applying for a respite residency, the application fee of \$35 and \$1000/mo residency fee will be waived.

To apply, you must submit the following: proof of residence, written letter demonstrating need for respite, residency proposal, artist statement, resume or CV, short narrative bio; work samples; and 2 personal references. If any of the above materials are not available for reasons related to Sandy, please explain in your letter. To submit applications please mail to SFAI PO Box 24044 Santa Fe, NM 87502 or email to kavery@sfai.org . For questions or concerns, please contact Katie at 505-424-5050.

EMERGENCY RELIEF RESIDENCIES AT THE VERMONT STUDIO CENTER

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc., as part of its Hurricane Sandy Emergency Relief Fund is collaborating with the Vermont Studio Center to assist visual artists who have experienced damage, losses, and/or displacement due to Hurricane Sandy by providing 4-week to 8-week studio residencies at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. Eligible professional visual artists can be working in any discipline and must reside in Connecticut, New Jersey, or New York. Applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis with residencies scheduled beginning January 2013.

<http://www.vermontstudiocenter.org/displaced-artists-fund/>

NEW YORK RESOURCES

Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA)

To register go to www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday until further notice.

ACTORS FUND NY OFFICE SERVICES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY SANDY:

If your home or apartment was damaged in the storm and you don't know who to contact for help; if you are without work or between gigs and have no steady income; if you are without medical insurance and in need of medical care; or if you simply are at risk with no friends or family to go to for emergency financial help – the entertainment and performing arts community can continue to reach out to us for assistance.

For Emergency Financial Assistance:

The Actors Fund – Call these temporary NYC office numbers at:

- 917.281.5936 – Main Number
- 917.281.5917 – Social Services
- 917.281.5913 – Social Services
- 212.621.7780 - Nights/Weekend Emergency Number

Alternately, you can send us a Direct Message on Twitter (@TheActorsFund) or a private message via Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheActorsFund) – all communication (including via DM and Private Message) is confidential. We're checking our social networks regularly, and will relay your message to our social work staff to help get you the help you need.

ASTORIA NYC RECOVERS

This is a recovery organizing site for New York's Astoria neighborhood in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. For more recovery information, visit queensmamas.com. For additional volunteer opportunities, visit OccupySandy.com.

Neighborhood Site Organizer - 347-709-INFO

<https://astoria.recovers.org/>

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Information on disaster unemployment assistance, which provides unemployment benefits to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster declared by the President of the United States.

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/unemployment/g/disasterunemployment.htm>

HURRICANE SANDY BUSINESS RECOVERY INFORMATION

The City of New York is coordinating various programs and services to help businesses impacted by Hurricane Sandy. These programs include emergency loans for working capital, repairs/replacement of real estate, equipment, inventory and other business assets. Additional resources include temporary workspaces as well as employee retention and assistance programs to help retain your staff during this time.

<http://www.nycedc.com/backtobusiness>

HURRICANE SANDY HELPLINE FOR NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS

1-888-769-7243 / 1-518-485-1159

IDA SALES TAX LETTER

New York City Industrial Development Authority is making an emergency sales tax letter available that will allow businesses to avoid payment of New York City and New York State sales taxes on materials purchased for rebuilding. Contact Shin Mitsugi at smitsugi@nycedc.com for further information.

LOWER EAST SIDE RECOVERS

This site allows people to offer/request assistance, and is coordinated by the folks at Occupy NYC and community organizations on the ground. For information on volunteering and donating supplies in other affected areas, please visit

Site Organizers - (646) 580-7473

<http://interoccupy.net/occupysandy>

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Lists information about post-Sandy recovery resources

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/recovery/>

NEW YORK CITY'S PUBLIC ADVOCATE

After the Storm: A Guide for New Yorkers

<http://advocate.nyc.gov/storm>

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/event/sandy/sandy-info.cfm>

NYC 3-1-1

For up-to-date information about disaster recovery assistance information and to report non-emergency issues.

<http://www.nyc.gov/apps/311/>

NYC OEM - Notify NYC Twitter

New York City's official emergency notification system. Read NYC's Customer Use Policy nyc.gov/socialmediapolicy

NYC SEVERE WEATHER

Report storm damage

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/nycsevereweather/damage_form.shtml

RED HOOK NYC RECOVERS

This is a recovery organizing site for New York's Red Hook neighborhood in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The site allows people to offer/request assistance, and is coordinated by the folks at OWS and community organizations on the ground. or information on volunteering and donating supplies in other affected areas, please visit <http://interoccupy.net/occupysandy>.

Neighborhood Site Organizer - (347) 770-1528

<https://redhook.recovers.org/>

STATEN ISLAND RECOVERS

This is a recovery organizing site for Staten Island in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The site allows people to offer/request assistance, and is coordinated by the folks at Occupy NYC and community organizations on the ground.

Staten Island Recovery Organizer - (347) 934-9927

<https://stateniland.recovers.org/>

TEMP HOUSING (FREE)

Airbnb has partnered with the City of New York to connect those in need with people who are able to provide free housing.

<https://www.airbnb.com/sandy>

TEMPORARY JOBS AVAILABLE FOR HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS

New York State has received \$27.7 million in federal Disaster National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds. The grant will be used to hire workers to help clean up numerous New York communities affected by Hurricane Sandy. Workers who lost their jobs as a direct result of Hurricane Sandy or workers who were unemployed prior to the storm are eligible to apply for temporary positions.

Individuals who want to apply should contact the NYS Department of Labor at 1-888-469-7365 or apply online at <http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/neg.shtm>

You can also apply in person at DRC sites. All individuals must be unemployed to be eligible. Workers will be paid around \$15/hour to work on cleaning and repair projects in declared disaster areas.

In addition, individuals interested in applying for a job with FEMA should visit Governor Cuomo's Jobs Express website . Salaries have been determined based on local wages to ensure an hourly wage comparable to the private sector. Qualified applicants selected for a position will be fingerprinted for background security checks with results within 24 to 48 hours. Approved candidates will then be formally offered positions and sworn in.

RED CROSS SHELTERS

<http://app.redcross.org/nss-app/>

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<https://redhook.recovers.org/>

WNYC TRANSIT TRACKER

The latest info on transportation outages around New York and New Jersey, updated by WNYC.

<http://project.wnyc.org/transit-tracker/embed.html>

OTHER DISASTER RESOURCES

DISASTER SNAP/Food Stamp Program

The Disaster SNAP/Food Stamp Program provides replacement benefits for regular food stamp recipients who lose food in a disaster and extends benefits to many households which would not ordinarily be eligible but suddenly need food assistance. The benefits are delivered via Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, which can expedite and mainstream the relief process for victims.

<http://frac.org/federal-foodnutrition-programs/snapfood-stamps/disaster-snapfood-stamps/>

DISASTER RECOVERY & ASSISTANCE

The LSU AgCenter has an array of information about recovering from the multiple problems caused by a hurricanes, floods, storms, extended power outages and other stressful, dangerous events. Dangers include disease from insects and other pests, and illness from contaminated flood waters.

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/family_home/hazards_and_threats/recovery_assistance/

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The primary mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, by leading and supporting the Nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Mailing Address:

500 C Street S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20472

Telephone: 202-646-2500

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/>

FEMA: The Applicant's Guide to the Individuals & Households Program

The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides money and services to people in a disaster area when losses are not covered by insurance and property has been damaged or destroyed. This guide explains the types of assistance available, eligibility information, and how to apply.

<http://www.fema.gov/assistance/process/guide.shtm>

FEMA Emergency Response Action Steps

This guide from FEMA helps safeguard collections damaged by water, whether from flood, fire, earthquakes, severe storms or broken pipes. The first 48 hours after an emergency are the most critical, and this site explains the proper salvage techniques and steps to use in this time period.

http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/ers_wl.shtm

Lutheran Services in America (LSA)

LSA's emergency and disaster services include clothing, emergency housing, financial assistance, food programs, legal aid, telephone crisis support and referrals, and support services. This site can be searched for services regionally or by type of assistance needed.

http://applications.lutheranservices.org/Isapublic/SearchResults_Service.aspx?Type=ServiceGroup&GRP=Y

VOAD: National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

National VOAD is a leader and voice for the nonprofit organizations and volunteers that work in all phases of disaster—preparedness, response, relief, recovery, and mitigation. National VOAD is the primary point of contact for voluntary organization in the National Response Coordination Center (at FEMA headquarters) and is a signatory to the National Response Plan.

<http://www.nvoad.org/>

FEMA SAFETY TIPS

Residents beginning clean-up work should exercise great caution when entering damaged buildings. Never re-enter until the structure has been inspected and deemed safe by a qualified person. Be sure electric and gas have been shut off or disconnected.

These and other safety tips on returning to your damaged home can be found at:

<http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/return.shtm>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Among the many services provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society are emergency financial assistance, emergency transportation and disaster relief and victim services. This website allows users to search for local councils offering assistance.

<http://svdpusa.org/AbouttheSociety/FindACouncil/tabid/70/Default.aspx>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Disasters & Emergencies

HHS has a page of links to information and resources for all types of disasters and emergencies.

Click on 'Disaster Relief' to find organizations offering aid in times of emergency.

<http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/index.shtml>

UNITED WAY

The United Way provides assistance in every step of recovery from disaster.

<http://www.unitedway.org>