

Hurricane Florence Information

From American Red Cross

How to Prepare:

Don't Panic, Be Prepared!

-Encourage your contacts to download the Red Cross Emergency App for real-time updates on changing conditions, preparedness and safety information, and information about shelters and resources nearby.

-Stay current on local official and media alerts and advisories and head their advice.

-Double check (or build) your emergency kit. It contains a 3-day supply of what you need in case of power outages or you need to shelter-in-place for a few days. [This link has a great list for everything that should be included](#). Families can make it a constructive activity and opportunity to talk calmly about storms and being prepared in order to keep ourselves safe.

-Last, Facebook has a check-in feature during disasters and the Red Cross uses [Safe and Well](#), where you can register and let your family know you are safe after an event. Please share and consider using these.

The best thing we can do is prepare ourselves and our families NOW. Your local government, emergency management, Red Cross, and community partners are working hard and over-time to make sure you and your communities are as safe as possible; responses are already planned and ready even before they are needed. Do your part now to prepare and take care those around you.

How to Help:

The American Red Cross needs Volunteers in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia to help support Hurricane Florence relief efforts. We need help maintaining and setting up sheltering facilities, registering clients, maintaining client information, serving meals, and general housekeeping. If you live in these areas and are willing to volunteer for a 6-12 hour shift, please apply now: [redcross.org/volunteer](https://www.redcross.org/volunteer). This is an expedited application process specific to Hurricane Florence response efforts.

[Become a Volunteer](#)

redcross.org

Find out all the ways that you can volunteer to support the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross.

For Donations:

Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), call 1- 800-RED CROSS or text t “RED CROSS” to 90999 to make a \$10 donation, or visit [redcross.org/donate](https://www.redcross.org/donate)

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Every 8 minutes the American Red Cross responds to an emergency. Support the Red Cross. Join us today by making a donation.

Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

The Red Cross honors donor intent. Donations to disaster relief allow the Red Cross to spend the money where and how it is most needed.

In-Kind Donations:

Each disaster is unique, and so are the needs of those affected. Financial donations are the quickest and best way to get help to the people who need it most.

We know Americans are generous and want to do everything they can to help after a disaster. Unfortunately, collecting and sending food, clothing and other household items often does more harm than good. Instead, the best way to support disaster victims is with a financial donation.

- It takes time and money to store, sort, clean and distribute donated items, which diverts limited time and resources away from helping those most affected. In contrast, financial donations can be accessed quickly and put to use right away to directly help and support those affected; with a financial donation, individuals can buy what they need and want.
- Storing donated items can also result in thousands of dollars in warehousing, cleaning, transportation and handling fees – whereas financial donations allow us to be flexible to give people what they need most.
- Our first priority is the safety and well-being of those affected by disasters. Unfortunately, some well-intentioned donations of clothing or other items may be inadvertently soiled or dirty, which can cause illness. Financial donations don't pose any health risks and can be used right away to replace items like medications and reading glasses.

Blood Donations:

****We are losing drives and units all across the SE because of Florence, and were already experiencing a shortage****

The easiest and more reliable location in/around Asheville is the Asheville Blood Donation Center off Merrimon, at 100 Edgewood Road, 28804.

Outside Asheville, the BEST option is to download our free app, Red Cross Blood, and get an appointment. It locates nearby drives by zip code and is updated to reflect any changes due to inclement weather or other circumstances. You can get a Rapid Pass, which cuts possible wait time prior to donation—this can also be done online at www.redcrossblood.org

[Home Page](#)

www.redcrossblood.org

Blood donors report feeling a sense of great satisfaction after making their blood donation. Why? Because helping others in need just feels good. Donate blood today to help those in need.

Asheville Blood Center Hours:

(<https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/location/asheville-american-red-cross.html>)

[Asheville American Red Cross Blood Donation Center](#)

www.redcrossblood.org

Apheresis (Platelets & Plasma) Sunday 7AM - 1:30PM. Monday 11:30AM - 6PM. Tuesday 9AM - 3:30PM. Wednesday 11AM - 5:30PM. Thursday Closed. Friday 7AM - 1:30PM
