

# DR-4563-AL Hurricane Sally

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This joint AlabamaEMA/FEMA Advisory includes information on state and federal resources available to help Alabama businesses and employees recover from Hurricane Sally. To **subscribe** to DR-4563-AL ESF-15 Private Sector Advisories [click here](#) – to **unsubscribe** [click here](#).

## FEMA Registration for Federal Assistance Closes in Two Weeks

Homeowners and renters of Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile counties with uninsured damage or losses from Hurricane Sally occurring September 14 – 16, 2020 have only two weeks left to register for disaster assistance. The FEMA registration deadline is **Nov. 19, 2020**.

Although FEMA cannot make you whole, FEMA assistance may include grants for temporary housing and emergency home repairs to make your home safe, accessible and secure. If you have a homeowner's insurance policy, file your insurance claim immediately, before applying to FEMA. FEMA is unable to duplicate insurance payments. However, if you don't have insurance or are underinsured, you may receive assistance for uninsured losses.

Even if you applied with another agency or organization you must register with FEMA if you want to access federal disaster grants and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) long-term, low-interest disaster loans.

To register for assistance:

- Visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. Online applications must be completed **no later than midnight on Nov. 19**.
- Call **800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)**. Operators are multilingual and calls are answered **6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week**.

After you have registered with FEMA, you may be referred to SBA. The deadline for applying for an SBA disaster loan for physical damages is also **Nov. 19**. You can apply for an SBA disaster loan online using the SBA's <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> . You can also mail your application to SBA: Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155.

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## Protect Yourself from Future Disasters

In the wake of Hurricane Sally, Alabamans in many communities are repairing or rebuilding their homes. Recovering from a hurricane – from any disaster - is one of the most difficult challenges households will face. **FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Program** has information and resources to help homeowners and businesses with the rebuilding process.

Check out this website: <https://www.fema.gov/mitigation-ideas-and-tips-rebuilding>. In addition, you can find a video on making your roof wind-resistant here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8PhTekho3s>.

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## Volunteering and Donating in Alabama – Rise Above the Storm!

When disaster strikes, people come together to help. It has been no different in Alabama. Many volunteers have already given their time, money and talent to help put Alabama back on its feet following Hurricane Sally. But as survivors of the storm move into the long and difficult recovery phase of this disaster, many more volunteers are needed.

“Since Hurricane Sally, we have seen partnerships grow as we have welcomed the support of state and national players into our community,” said Dana Jepsen, president of the Baldwin County chapter of Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). “The work is not done though. We still have a lot of residents in need of assistance, and the recovery process is certainly going to be long term.”

A VOAD is a coalition of faith-based, community-based and other nonprofit organizations that are key to training and placing volunteers to help survivors after a disaster. If you want to volunteer to work in the Hurricane Sally recovery in Alabama, volunteering through an organization, already active in the disaster – like a VOAD, is the smart way to go. There are many tasks still to be done in impacted areas of the state; cleaning up and rebuilding remain two of the biggest, along with “muck and guts,” roof tarping services, tree work and debris removal.

Everyone is welcome. Men and women from all walks of life are needed. High school and college students, in particular, may want to look at this as a way to assist their neighbors and their community, but also as a means of fulfilling their community-service requirement for graduation.

Volunteer manhours used for delivery of such services may potentially help offset the “local match” share of eligible federally funded public assistance projects.

In the first five weeks following Hurricane Sally’s landfall, organizations associated with Alabama VOAD provided survivors with more than 1.1 million meals, beverages and snacks, 1,292 tarps, 48 house mud outs, 445 chainsaws, and other supplies and services. Some 3,780 clean-up calls were completed and 3,903 clean-up kits were distributed. More than 76,000 volunteer hours have been donated.

To make the most of your help, FEMA and state officials say, it is important to do it right and follow these guidelines for donating and volunteering responsibly:

- To find a list of trusted organizations that can put your contributions of time or money to the best possible use, check out the Alabama VOAD online at <https://alvoad.communityos.org/cms/> or for the National VOAD go to <https://www.nvoad.org/>.
- Financial contributions to recognized disaster relief organizations are the fastest, most flexible and most effective method of donating. Learn more at <https://www.nvoad.org/howtohelp/donate/>.
- Cash is best. Cash offers voluntary agencies the most flexibility in obtaining the most-needed resources.
- Know before you go. A list of trusted organizations operating in Alabama can be found online at <https://www.nvoad.org/volunteer/>. These organizations know where volunteers are needed and can ensure appropriate volunteer safety, training and housing.
- Be patient. Recovery in Alabama – and the need for volunteers – will last months, maybe years. Your volunteer help will be needed here when others may have long forgotten about Hurricane Sally.

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If you have been impacted by Hurricane Sally in Alabama, **dial 211** for help with some unmet needs including clean-up supplies. Text **888-421-1266** or chat via [www.211connectsalabama.org](http://www.211connectsalabama.org) for resources and assistance.

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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.*

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The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or visit SBA at [www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster).

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