

Winter Storm Blair Resources

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“At least five people have died as dangerous winter weather continued to take hold in multiple states on Monday. The polar vortex made many roads treacherous, forced school closures and caused widespread power outages and flight cancellations.

Ice and snow blanketed major roads in Kansas, western Nebraska, and parts of Indiana, where that National Guard was activated to help stranded motorists. Around 300,000 customers were still without power Monday afternoon across Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois and Missouri, according to electric utility tracking website PowerOutage.us.”. Via [CBS News](#)

National Resources

National Weather Service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Updated information on current weather conditions can be found [here](#). Read the full weather statement regarding Winter Storm Blair, [here](#). The National Weather Service has additional information on its website [here](#) regarding extremely cold weather, winter storms and safety. Stay up to date with alerts by tuning into the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) network. The NWR is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Find your local station [here](#).

Ready.Gov

Ready.gov is a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare, respond and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. For preparedness resources and information on staying safe during and after a winter storm, visit their website [here](#). Click [here](#) for information on how to receive emergency alerts regarding weather and public safety.

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2-1-1 United Way

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 211 from your cellphone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service center by visiting their website [here](#).

The American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state and federal disaster response community. During a disaster the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items. For more information, visit the American Red Cross website [here](#)

To find open shelters via the American Red Cross please visit their website [here](#).

Their Safe and Well website provides a central location for people in disaster areas to register their status, and for their loved ones to access that information. Visit the Safe and Well website [here](#)

PowerOutage.us

This website tracks and records power outages across the United States, with data updated every 10 minutes. Click [here](#) to view the map.

Foodpantries.org

Foodpantries.org is a directory of food banks, soup kitchens and non-profit organizations committed to fighting hunger. Individuals can search for food resources in their area. Please contact your local stores/pantries for their hours and status regarding openings/closings.

- Website: <https://www.foodpantries.org/>

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army provides a variety of programs and services that may include shelters during emergencies, financial assistance for rent, mortgage, utilities, food and other needs. Programs and services may vary based on location. If interested, contact your local

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Salvation Army. To find your local agency visit The Salvation Army's website [here](#), then enter your zip code in the "Find A Center Near You" field at the top of the page.

- Phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY
- Website: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>

Homeless Shelter Directory

The Homeless Shelter Directory provides information on homeless shelters and homeless service organizations. This includes all resources necessary to help those in need. Please visit their website [here](#). Click on your state and then choose the city or closest city near you. A list will populate and provide shelters details.

- Website: <https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Visit the FEMA website for information [here](#).

To Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance:

Online: www.disasterassistance.gov

Please note, your area must first officially be declared a disaster area before FEMA can get involved.

In addition, you can find local resources in your state (including your state's emergency management organization) by visiting <https://www.fema.gov/locations> and entering your city and state or zip code. Once the page returns results, scroll down until you see "Links and Resources". Please note, information will vary by state.

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

This listing provides resources for information about hypothermia, frostbite, and safely dealing with extreme cold winter weather. You may find information [here](#) about natural disasters and severe weather.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has information regarding cold stress for workers who are exposed to extreme cold or work in cold environments. Visit their website [here](#) for information.

State Resources

Arkansas

Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM)

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management assists residents impacted by natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Services include preparedness and recovery programs. For more information, you can visit their website [here](#).

Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)

ARDOT can provide information about local road conditions and closures. For more information please visit their website [here](#) and view the various road conditions maps [here](#).

Warming Centers:

Northwest Arkansas: Warming centers in Northwest Arkansas include:

- **Salvation Army:** 504 North D Street, Fort Smith (479) 783-6145
- **Next Step Homeless Services:** 123 North 6th Street, Fort Smith (479) 782-5433
- **Riverview Hope Campus:** 301 South E Street, Fort Smith (479) 688-4764
- **Genesis Church:** 205 M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard, Fayetteville (479) 442-1827
- **Elmdale Baptist Church:** 1700 W Huntsville Avenue, (479) 304-9464

- **Central Arkansas:** Warming centers in Central Arkansas include:
 - **Dunbar Community Center:** 1001 W. 16th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
 - **North Little Rock Community Center:** 2700 North Willow Street, North Little Rock
 - **Don Owen Sports Center:** 10 Lower Ridge Road, Conway, AR 72032
 - **McGee Center:** 3800 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034
 - **Conway Emergency Shelter:** 1116 Gum Street, Conway
 - **The Carmichael Center:** 801 S Elm Street, Searcy
 - **Stephens Community Center:** 3720 West 18th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204

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- **Hot Springs:** St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 1100 Central Avenue, Hot Springs

To find a warming shelter in Arkansas, you can call the Arkansas 211 call center at 211 or (866) 489-6983. You can also text 898-211 (TXT 211) and provide your zip code, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

The Van, a Little Rock-based nonprofit, will pick up individuals in need of transportation to their shelter. The City of Little Rock is operating the shelter with assistance from The Van along with other community organizations and volunteers. To request transportation, residents may call 501-955-3444.

Power Outage Maps

Residents are encouraged to check with their service provider for updates on outages. Click [here](#) to view outages across the state. This website breaks down outages by service provider and is updated every 10 minutes with current conditions.

2-1-1 Arkansas

Arkansas 211 is a partner in the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, as well as many local and regional plans. 2-1-1 provides local information and referral resources for community-based services. They can also provide information about local warming stations in the area. If you are interested, you can dial 2-1-1 anywhere in Arkansas, 866-489-6983 if outside of Arkansas, text your zip code to 898211, or visit the website [here](#)

The Salvation Army – Arkansas Oklahoma Division

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to immediately and effectively provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

- Address: 6601 Broadway Executive Park 5, Oklahoma City, OK 73116
- Phone: 405-254-1100

Website: <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/arkansas-and-oklahoma/>

Illinois

Illinois Emergency Management Agency

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency assists residents impacted by natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Services include preparedness and recovery programs. For more information regarding Winter Storm Blair, you can visit their website [here](#).

Ready Illinois

Ready Illinois, in connection with the Emergency Management Agency, provides information and resources for emergency preparedness in Illinois including weather conditions, road conditions, hazards, emergency alerts, FEMA information and more. Visit the website [here](#).

Illinois Department of Transportation

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is a state agency in charge of state-maintained public roadways of the U.S. state of Illinois. For updates on road conditions, road closures, and travel advisories, visit the website [here](#). For the winter conditions map, click [here](#).

Warming Centers

Warming centers have been activated ahead of the storm. To find warming centers near you, residents are encouraged to contact their county Emergency Management Office or call 2-1-1. Click [here](#) to find a list of emergency management offices by county.

Power Outage Map

Click the links below for current outages. Residents are encouraged to check with their service provider regarding updates on outages.

- [Ameren Illinois](#)
- [Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives](#)
- [Illinois Outage Map](#)

2-1-1 Illinois

211 Illinois provides information and resources for variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. They can also provide information about local warming stations in the area. If you are interested,

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you can dial 2-1-1 anywhere in Illinois, (217) 717-3002 if outside of Illinois, text your zip code to 898211, or visit the website [here](#)

The Salvation Army – Illinois

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to immediately and effectively provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

Indiana

Indiana Division of Emergency Management

Indiana's Emergency Management Agency provides linkages to disaster assistance for Indiana. For information regarding the winter storm, you may view the situation reports on the website [here](#).

Phone: 1-800-457-8283

Red Cross Indiana

To locate an open shelter, you may visit the Red Cross Find an Open Shelter link [here](#)

Phone: 888-684-1441

Website: <https://www.redcross.org/local/indiana.html>

211 Indiana

2-1-1 connects callers to health and human services information and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, including day shelters and cell phone power stations, basic needs, and disaster assistance. Dial 211 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist or dial 317-926-4357. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service center by clicking the link [here](#).

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Indiana Department of Transportation

Phone: 855-463-6848

Indiana's Department of Transportation provides [updates](#) on major road closures. For additional updates on driving conditions and road closures, you may also visit their highway information map [here](#).

Warming Centers

Indiana 2-1-1 offers a guided search to locate current and active warming centers. These centers are activated during winter months to provide a warm shelter during winter weather. Click [here](#) to find a center near you.

Power Outage Maps

- [AES Indiana](#)
- [Duke Energy](#)
- [Indiana Power Outage Map](#)

Kansas

Kansas Office of the Governor – Laura Kelly

Governor Laura Kelly declared a verbal state of emergency due to the extreme weather conditions. Read the most recent news release, [here](#).

Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM)

As part of the Kansas Adjutant General's Department, The Kansas Division of Emergency Management assists residents impacted by natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Services include preparedness, response and recovery efforts. To stay up to date with any information made public, visit their website [here](#). Read about winter safety [here](#).

- Phone: 785-646-0092
- Sign-up for emergency alerts [here](#)

KSReady

Created by the KDEM, KSReady provides information and resources for emergency preparedness in Kansas including weather conditions, road conditions, hazards, emergency

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alerts, FEMA information and more. Visit the website [here](#)

Road Conditions:

Due to dangerous blizzard conditions, non-emergency travel across the state is highly discouraged and parts of I-70 are closed. I-70 remains closed in both directions from Salina to US-177 (East Geary County Line).

- **KanDrive by KDOT:**

KanDrive has an interactive map with updates on road conditions and closures impacted by weather or other hazards. Click [here](#) to view the map. Motorist may also dial 5-1-1 on any phone from anywhere in Kansas to learn about road conditions, construction detours, and weather information. You may also dial 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) or if dialing 511 doesn't work from your phone.

Warming Centers:

A warming center is a temporary shelter that opens during extreme cold weather, providing a heated space for people to stay warm and safe, particularly those who might be unhoused or otherwise vulnerable to the cold; it's essentially a place to get temporary relief from low temperatures, usually not offering overnight accommodations or extensive services like a traditional shelter. To find a warming center near you, visit the interactive map [here](#).

Power Outage Map

Residents are encouraged to check with their direct service providers for updates regarding outages.

- Evergy: Evergy provides a map with current outages across the state, including updates regarding Winter Storm Blair. Click [here](#) to view the map.
- Click here for a [map](#) of outages throughout the state listed by service provider.

211 of Kansas

211 of Kansas is a service of United Way of the Plains, Wichita, Kansas providing information on warming shelters, evacuation routes, food and water distribution, and other more. Dial 2-1-1 anywhere in Kansas, 888-413-4327 if outside of Kansas, or Text your ZIP Code to 898-211. 211 Kansas is available 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. You may also visit the online directory [here](#) for more information.

Kentucky

Kentucky Office of the Governor

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency ahead of Winter Storm Blair. Click [here](#) to read the full declaration.

Kentucky Department of Emergency Management

The Kentucky Department of Emergency Management assists residents impacted by natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Services include preparedness and recovery programs. Recovery efforts and public assistance programs may become available to rebuild after severe weather and can be found [here](#). For more information and to stay up to date with press releases, visit their website [here](#).

- Phone: 800-255-2587

American Red Cross of Central of Kentucky

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items.

- Address: 510 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40201
- Phone: 502-589-4450
- Website: <https://www.redcross.org/local/kentucky.html>
- This office services the entire state of Kentucky

211 Kentucky

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 211 from your cellphone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service center by visiting their website [here](#).

- Phone: 211 or 270-737-6608

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- Text your zip code to 898211.

The Salvation Army – Kentucky Tennessee Division

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to immediately and effectively provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

- Address: 2110 High Wickham Place, Louisville, KY 40245
- Phone: 800-725-2769

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Click here for a [map](#) of road conditions and closures. Click [here](#) for snow conditions on the roads. For general information, call 502 564-1257.

Power Outage Maps

Click below to see outages in the area:

- [LG&E and KU](#)
- [Kentucky Electric Cooperatives](#)
- [Kentucky Power](#)

Warming Centers

Counties with the most power outages have warming centers open. Those include Anderson, Bullitt, Clark, Fayette, Floyd, Hardin, Henderson, Johnson, Meade, Spencer, and Union. This list is subject to change, and Kentuckians in need may contact their local emergency manager for further assistance or dial 2-1-1. Some warming centers include the following:

Murray

- Murray State Univ. Racer Arena
333 N 14th Street
Entrance on south side of building

Cuba

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- Cuba Fire Dept. Station 1
60 SR 94 West Sedalia, KY
270-382-2229

Paducah

- Paducah Warming Center: Washington Street Baptist Church
739 Washington Street
[Click here](#) for more information.

Ashland

- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter
2212 Carter Avenue

Blaine

- Church of God
17655 Kentucky Route 32

Fallsburg

- Fallsburg Community Center
23 Horseshoe Road

Inez

- Senior Citizens Center
123 Middle Fork Road

Louisa

- Louisa First Baptist Church
301 West Pike Street

Paintsville

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- Altogether Opportunity Center
501 Jefferson Avenue

Pikeville

- Lobby of Myers Towers
748 Hambley Boulevard

Maryland

Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM)

The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) is responsible for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery in Maryland. MDEM is responsible for coordinating the state's response in any major emergency or disaster. This includes supporting local governments as needed or requested and coordinating assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal partners. For updates regarding the Winter Storm and for updates on [declarations](#) of states of emergency, visit the website [here](#).

Maryland 511 – Department of Transportation

Maryland 511 provides travelers with reliable, current traffic and road closure information, as well as weather related traffic events and conditions. The main [website](#) has interactive [maps](#), live traffic cameras, traffic incidents and events, and more. You may call 410-582-5650 for traffic alerts.

211 Maryland

211 of Maryland provides information on warming shelters, evacuation routes, food and water distribution, and other more. Dial 2-1-1 anywhere in Maryland, 866-411-6803 if outside of Maryland, or Text your ZIP Code to 898-211. 211 is available 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. You may also visit the online directory [here](#) for more information.

Salvation Army Maryland

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to immediately and effectively provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

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- Phone: 410-783-2920

Warming Centers

Warming centers are activated throughout the state for the winter months. Residents may dial 2-1-1 to locate the closest center. The Maryland Department of Health has a list of contact information for warming centers by county. Click [here](#) for the directory.

Power Outage Maps

- [Maryland.gov outage map](#)
- [PowerOutage.us](#)
- [BGE Outage map](#)

Missouri

Office of Missouri Governor – Michael L. Parson

Governor Parson issued a state of emergency ahead of the winter storm. To read the full declaration, click [here](#).

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

This organization helps residents of Missouri prepare for, respond to, and recover from all emergencies. Resources are available via the Missouri Storm Aware [website](#), explaining facts, myths, and where to find emergency support. More information regarding services and programs can be found on their website [here](#).

- Address: 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65102
- Phone: 573-526-9100

Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives

Information regarding statewide power outages, can be found using this organizations interactive map. Power outages can also be filtered by county. For more information or to view the power outage map, visit the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives website [here](#).

- Address: 2722 East McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101

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- Phone: 573-635-6857

Missouri Department of Transportation

The Missouri Department of Transportation's website contains information regarding road closures, incidents, floods, work zones, winter road conditions, and future work zones. For more information or to view the list of road closures, visit the Missouri Department of Transportation's website [here](#). You may also call at -888-275-6636. Click [here](#) for the map.

American Red Cross of Missouri

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items. To find your local Red Cross, visit the American Red Cross website [here](#).

211 Missouri

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 211 from your cellphone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service center by visiting their website [here](#).

- Phone: 211 or 573-443-4523 or toll-free 1-800-427-4626.

Salvation Army- Emergency Disaster Services

Salvation Army is providing emergency and disaster assistance to individuals affected by natural disasters in the Midland Missouri and Southern Illinois areas. Services include food assistance, energy assistance, housing support, emotional care and disaster support. Individuals may provide monetary donations to the Salvation Army.

- Phone: 417-862-5509

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Warming Centers

Residents are encouraged to contact 2-1-1 for a complete list of warming centers. Some warming centers in the state include the following (click for more information):

- Statewide: Click [here](#) for a map of warming center throughout the state.
- Click [here](#) for a list of warming shelters by the Salvation Army.
- **St. Louis City:**
 - **Gamble Recreation Center**
2907 Gamble St, St. Louis, MO 63106
Open 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - **Cherokee Recreation Center**
3200 S Jefferson Ave #3102, St. Louis, MO 63118
Open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - St. Louis City Office Building
1520 Market St, St. Louis, MO 63103
Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Emergency Management

The Nebraska Department of Emergency Management (NEMA) assist residents impacted by natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Services include preparedness and recovery efforts. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

- Address: 433 Northwest 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524
- Phone: 402-471-7421

American Red Cross Nebraska

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items.

To find open shelters via the American Red Cross please visit their website [here](#).

Their Safe and Well website provides a central location for people in disaster areas to register their status, and for their loved ones to access that information. Visit the Safe and Well website [here](#).

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- Address: 2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68124
- Phone: 800-733-2767 or 402-343-7700
- Website: <https://www.redcross.org/local/nebraska.html>
- This office services the entire state of Nebraska and Southwest Iowa.

Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs provides assistance to Veterans who have been impacted by the recent weather and who may be eligible for a financial grant. Visit the website and click on the “Get Help” tab to find the closest service office or location to your area.

- Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor, Lincoln, NE 68509
- Phone: 402-471-2458
- Website: <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/>

211 Nebraska

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- Address: 1229 Millwork Avenue, Suite 402, Omaha, NE 68102
- Phone: 211 or 402-444-6666
- Website: <https://uwm211.org/>

The Salvation Army – of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to immediately and effectively provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

- Address: 10755 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68114

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- Phone: 515-576-1281
- Website: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/western/>

Nebraska Department of Transportation

The Nebraska Department of Transportation provides access to road conditions and traffic advisories. To learn more about road conditions and closures in your area, visit their website [here](#).

- Address: 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502
- Phone: 402-471-4567
- Website: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/>

Warming Centers

2-1-1 has a guided web search available to locate warming centers near you. Enter your zip code in the search bar to view available centers. Click [here](#) to access the web search. Residents may also dial -2-1-1 for assistance finding a warming center.

New Jersey

Office of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy:

The New Jersey Office of the Governor plays a key role in managing state emergencies through coordinating state resources; declaring a state of emergency and enabling state and local agencies to implement emergency plans; and guiding public safety. The Governor's office activates and oversees the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), which directs emergency responses and recovery operations.

- Website: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/>
- Social Media: [Facebook](#), [X](#)

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM):

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) is responsible for planning, coordinating, and directing the state's response to natural and man-made disasters. In addition to emergency responses, NJOEM offers guidance and resources for residents to be better prepared for emergencies through programs like Ready NJ, promoting readiness, resilience, and recovery awareness across New Jersey.

- Website: <https://www.nj.gov/njoem/>

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- The NJ Office of Emergency Management suggests preparing an emergency kit with essentials like food, water, first-aid supplies, important documents, and medications. Refer to the [NJ Emergency Prep Kit guide](#) for detailed packing lists in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

Ready NJ:

Ready NJ, managed by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, provides real-time emergency alerts and preparedness information to residents, ensuring that people are informed of risks such as severe weather, wildfires, and other hazards. Ready NJ offers the "Register Ready" program, a special needs registry that allows residents with disabilities or access and functional needs to register for assistance during disasters. Ready NJ also manages the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program, which trains volunteers to respond to emergencies within their communities, providing critical support to local emergency personnel.

- Website: <https://nj.gov/njoem/plan-prepare/staying-informed.shtml>
- Sign up for [Register Ready](#), or call 2-1-1 for assistance with registering.
- To sign up for Ready NJ alerts, you can text "ReadyNJ" to 898-211. You'll receive a monthly emergency preparedness tip via text during non-emergency times. When a disaster strikes, you'll receive updates on safety, evacuation, road closures, sheltering, and more.

The American Red Cross – New Jersey Region:

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items. American Red Cross provides evacuation shelter updates, disaster relief, and updates on current wildfire conditions.

- Northern New Jersey: 973-797-3300: [Red Cross Northern NJ](#)
 - Located in Fairfield, NJ and serves Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties.
- Central New Jersey: 609-951-8550: [Red Cross Central NJ](#)
 - Located in Princeton, NJ and serves Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Union Counties.
- Southern New Jersey: 856-365-7100: [Red Cross Southern NJ](#)
- Located in Pennsauken, NJ and serves Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

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NJ 2-1-1:

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 211 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You can also call 877-652-1148 or visit their website [here](#) to obtain a list of local resources.

Disaster Help:

Disaster Help offers resources and support for New Jersey residents impacted by emergencies by offering information on emergency planning, evacuation routes, and preparedness tips. Disaster Help provides guidance on emergency shelter options and directs residents to call local government resources or the Red Cross for immediate shelter. They also facilitate access to resources from FEMA, HUD, and other federal agencies to assist in disaster recovery, housing, and financial aid.

- Website: <https://nj.gov/disasterhelp/> The website outlines steps to take after a disaster occurs, how to prepare for a disaster, and other recovery resources.

511 NJ – Transportation and Road Conditions:

511 NJ is a free travel information service provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation to help motorists navigate the state's roadways and reduce travel times. NJ 511 offers live updates on traffic congestion, accidents, road closures, and construction on state highways and toll roads. During emergencies, 511 NJ communicates with local agencies to keep the public informed and connected with emergency management.

Residents and visitors can access 511 NJ information via its website <https://511nj.org/home> or through phone updates by dialing 5-1-1.

Power Outage Map

Click below for updates regarding power outages:

- [PSE&G](#)
- [First Energy Corp](#)
- [Atlantic City](#)

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Warming Centers:

2-1-1 New Jersey has a list of warming centers throughout the state. Click [here](#) to view the list or call 2-1-1.

Ohio

Ohio Emergency Management Agency

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) is the state's central point of coordination for response to and recovery from disasters. They assist local emergency management in a variety of emergency situations.

Additionally, this agency can provide residents with guidance and support navigating through severe weather damage, proclamations, and disaster assistance. For information, visit the website [here](#).

The State of Ohio Emergency Alert Plan is the state's official emergency notification system. This was created for the distribution of emergency information, instructions, and warnings to the citizens of Ohio. Individuals will receive state and local updates. Alerts are sent via text message, email, or voicemail. Residents are encouraged to sign up for free alerts [here](#).

- Phone: 614-889-7150
- Address: 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235
- Website: <https://ema.ohio.gov/home>

Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

The local Community Action Agency offers a variety of programs and services. During the recovery phase of disasters, the local Community Action Agency may support residents applying for disaster or emergency relief. Visit the website [here](#) to find the local Community Action Agency that serves your area.

- Phone: 614-224-8500
- Address: 140 East Town Street, Suite 115, Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Website: <https://oaca.org/>

American Red Cross Northern Ohio Region

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items.

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- Phone: 216-431-3010, 440-324-2929, or 1-800-733-2767
- Website: <https://www.redcross.org/local/ohio/northern-ohio.html>

2-1-1 Ohio

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 2-1-1 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 2-1-1 service center by visiting their website [here](#).

- Phone: 2-1-1
- Website: <https://www.211oh.org/>

The Salvation Army of Northeast Ohio Division

The Salvation Army aids disaster survivors by responding quickly, mobilizing officers, employees, and volunteers wherever they are needed to provide emergency services to victims and emergency responders. To learn more about their disaster response in your area, visit their website [here](#).

- Phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)
- Address: 2507 East 22nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44115

Website: <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/northeast-ohio/>

Ohio Department of Transportation

The Ohio Department of Transportation provides access to road conditions and traffic advisories. To learn more about road conditions and closures in your area, visit their website [here](#). The interactive map shows real-time updates and users can filter by conditions such as incidents, weather related incidents, closures, construction and more.

- Phone: 614-466-7170 and 5-1-1

Warming Centers

Some Ohio cities have announced warming centers for residents to help them seek warmth:

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Cleveland

The following centers in Cleveland will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Jan. 9:

- Michael Zone Recreation Center, 6301 Lorain Ave., Cleveland
- Lonnie Burten Recreation Center, 2511 E. 46th St., Cleveland
- Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lakeshore Blvd., Cleveland
- Zemla George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin L. King Blvd., Cleveland

Cincinnati

The Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center will serve as a daytime cold weather shelter until Friday, Jan. 10. It will be open from 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Starting Tuesday, all centers will serve as warming shelters during normal operating hours. A list of centers and their hours can be found [here](#).

Dayton

The following shelters will be open until Friday, Jan. 10 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

- Greater Dayton Recreation Center: 2021 W. Third St., Dayton
- Lohrey Recreation Center: 2366 Glenarm Ave., Dayton
- Northwest Recreation Center: 1600 Princeton Drive, Dayton

The St. Vincent DePaul shelters are also open:

- Men's Shelter: 1921 S. Gettysburg Ave., Dayton
- Women and Families: 120 W. Apple St., Dayton

Columbus

The City of Columbus has over 50 warming shelters that are open until March. Click [here](#) for shelters and their hours of operation.

Power Outage Map

Information on power outages and provider power tracking for Ohio can be found on the website [here](#).

Virginia

Virginia Office of the Governor – Glenn Youngkin

A state of emergency was declared for Virginia ahead of the winter storm. For updates on emergency declarations, please visit the governor's [website](#) and read the full declaration [here](#).

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM remains in contact with local governments and state agency partners to assess potential impacts and be ready to facilitate any requests for assistance. The Virginia Emergency Support Team is monitoring the forecast and will be activating the state emergency operations center to coordinate activities related to the storm. For more information, please visit the department's [website](#). The department has [Winter Weather](#) page dedicated to winter storm preparedness.

Virginia Bureau of Insurance (VBI)

This department assists with insurance navigation and questions following a natural disaster or destructive event. For more information, please visit the [website](#). To view VBI's detailed disaster recovery guide, please visit this [link](#).

Virginia Department of Transportation

Prior to travel, motorists should visit: <https://511.vdot.virginia.gov/> check the 511 Virginia mobile app or dial 5-1-1 while in Virginia for information on road and traffic conditions.

American Red Cross of Virginia

The Red Cross of Virginia provides vital services to the residents of Virginia including disaster relief. Find your local Red Cross [here](#).

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Virginia 211

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-230-6977 to reach information on shelters, evacuation routes, and more. The information line is staffed around the clock to connect Virginians to storm resources. VA 2-1-1 call specialists can also help you find food, meal sites, water, and other recovery and rebuilding resources after a disaster. You may also visit the website [here](#).

Warming Centers

Residents are encouraged to contact 2-1-1 for a complete list of warming centers. Some warming centers in the state include the following (click for more information):

- [Fairfax County](#)
- [City of Alexandria](#)
- [Loudoun County](#)
- [Prince William](#)

Power Outage Maps

Residents are encouraged to check with their service provider for updates on outages. Click [here](#) to view outages across the state. This website breaks down outages by service provider and is updated every 10 minutes with current conditions.

West Virginia

Office of the Governor – Jim Justice

A state of emergency was declared for all counties in West Virginia ahead of Winter Storm Blair. To read the full declaration, click [here](#). To view updates from the governor, click [here](#).

West Virginia Emergency Management (WVEM)

This agency manages disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response and recovery efforts throughout the state by coordinating with all responsible government agencies. In the event of a federally declared disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works closely with the division to administer assistance programs. Click [here](#) for more information and disaster preparedness and recovery.

West Virginia 511:

West Virginia 5-1-1 contains information regarding road closures, incidents, floods, work zones, winter road conditions, and future work zones. Prior to travel, motorists should

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visit the [website](#), check the 511 WV mobile app or dial 5-1-1 while in West Virginia for information on road and traffic conditions.

Power Outage Map

Click below for updates regarding power outages across the state:

- [First Energy Corp](#)
- [Appalachian Power](#)
- [PowerOutage.us](#)

WV 2-1-1

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Warming Centers

Warming Centers have been activated in the region. To find a warming center near you, contact 2-1-1 for more information.

- Charleston: Bream S.H.O.P.-Showers + Healthcare Outreach Program
319 West Washington Street, Charleston.
Warming center will be open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through Thursday, 1/9/25.
- Warming center updates can be found [here](#)

American Red Cross – Central Appalachia Region

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state, and federal disaster response community. During a disaster, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items. To find your local Red Cross, visit the American Red Cross website [here](#).

National Mental Health Resources

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SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline

This helpline, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), can provide immediate crisis counseling to anyone who is experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. The help line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (800) 985-5990. You can also reach them via text message by texting "TalkWithUs" to 66746. You can find more information online [here](#).

SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator

Visit the website [here](#).

This line is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. The Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator provides information and a search tool for behavioral health and substance abuse/addiction services in the United States and U.S. Territories. You can access the free and confidential treatment provider search tool using the link listed above. After completing the search criteria, you can view a list of treatment providers and detailed information about each provider.

You may also call (800) 662-4357 to receive free and confidential information about mental health and substance abuse treatment services in your area.

This guide provides referrals to resources. It does not endorse or recommend the resource providers. While every effort is made to maintain current provider information, information may change without notice.

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