

Disaster Recovery Center Open at Tringali Park Community Center

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster recovery center has been moved to Tringali Park Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road in Englewood. The DRC will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m., seven days a week.

Disaster recovery centers provide disaster survivors with information from Florida agencies, FEMA, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Individuals can get help applying for federal assistance and disaster loans, update applications and learn about other resources available.

Individuals affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida can also apply for assistance online or by phone:

- www.DisasterAssistance.gov
- call the FEMA Helpline 1-800-621-3362, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., 7 days a week. Help is available in many languages.

Red Cross and FEMA DSA Teams Visiting Charlotte County and going door-to-door to help people apply for federal assistance, check the status of applications, identify potential needs, and make connections with organizations that can provide additional resources.

A comfort station with restrooms, showers and laundry (bring your own supplies) open at Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center, 23400 Harold Ave., in Port Charlotte.

A pop-up permitting site is open at the Mac V. Horton West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Drive in Englewood for residential storm-related permits. Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday; 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday (last customer served at 3:30 p.m.).

Citizen survey

Charlotte County is asking residents to participate in the National Community Survey. The survey is designed to provide a baseline of how the county government is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the county, and to make comparisons with peer counties.

The National Community Survey was developed and is administered by the National Research Center at Polco of Middleton, Wisconsin. The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, ratings of local government services and resident use of services.

All residents of Charlotte County are eligible to participate.

The survey is available online: polco.us/CharlotteCounty2024. The survey can also be accessed via [a link on our website www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](https://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) — look for the survey graphic on the home page.

The survey closes Nov. 12, 2024. Residents with questions about the survey may contact the Communications Department at 941-623-1092.

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