

# What's Next — Steps for Storm Recovery



Monitor **MyPasco.net**  & Pasco County's social media platforms for official updates & instructions.

## SAFETY FIRST

- Return home when local officials say it's safe.
- Avoid walking, driving or playing in floodwaters.
- Have a professional inspect your gas/electrical systems before turning them back on.
- Check for downed power lines/trees before entering your home.
- Wear waterproof boots, gloves & masks to avoid exposure to contaminants or mold.

## DOCUMENT DAMAGE

- Inspect your property & take photos/videos of any damage.
- Upload photos to Pasco's Damage Assessment Tool:  
[MyPas.co/ReportDamage](https://MyPas.co/ReportDamage)
- Create a list of everything that was damaged/destroyed.
- Protect your home from further damage, if you can (e.g., covering holes in your roof with a tarp).



## FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM

- Contact your insurance company(s) & begin the claims process.
- Submit your damage photos/videos, along with your list of damaged items.
- Keep receipts for anything you buy to help with cleanup & recovery.

## DRY OUT

- Use a pump to remove water from your home as soon as it's safe.
- Open windows & use fans, dehumidifiers & wet/dry vacs to speed up drying.

## CLEAN UP

- Remove & discard anything that was soaked by floodwater as soon as you can (carpet, mattresses, furniture, etc.).
- Disinfect walls, floors & other surfaces to prevent mold.
- If you already have mold, hire a professional to remove it.
- Pasco will pick up storm-related debris, or you can bring it to our Solid Waste Facilities.
- Call **727.847.2411** or visit [MyPasco.net](https://MyPasco.net) for details on storm-related debris removal.

## REPAIR & REBUILD

- Have a professional inspect your foundation, walls & roof before making repairs.
- Hire a licensed contractor; don't fall victim to scams. Use [MyFloridaLicense.com](https://MyFloridaLicense.com) to verify a license & report unlicensed activity!
- If you need help with food, water, clothing or shelter, fill out Pasco's Human Needs Survey:  
[MyPas.co/HurricaneHumanNeeds](https://MyPas.co/HurricaneHumanNeeds)

## RELIEF RESOURCES

- Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will be centrally located to help with FEMA assistance & Small Business Assistance.

## SELF-CARE RESOURCES

- If you're experiencing emotional distress during this challenging time, call the Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) – providing 24/7 multilingual, crisis support service.  
**Call or text 1-800-985-5990.**
- The Florida Department of Health provides an extensive list of mental health resources online:  
[FloridaHealth.gov](https://FloridaHealth.gov)
- BayCare Mobile Crisis Response Team is available for Pasco County residents. **Call 727-372-HELP (4357).**

Pasco County Customer Service is here to help.



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