



# NEWS RELEASE

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Hurricane Florence #8

## Want to support Hurricane Florence relief efforts?

Many Wake County residents have generously asked today how they can help people impacted by Hurricane Florence. While the county appreciates their offers of assistance, it is **not** accepting donations from the public at this time.

County staff are very busy keeping our residents safe from the impacts of the storm and operating six emergency shelters currently housing more than 1,000 people. As they focus on these efforts, they don't currently have the ability to accept, sort, store and distribute donations.

The good news is there are many other ways to help. Residents are encouraged to donate to trusted charities with proven track records of serving the community.

The [North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund](#) is currently accepting contributions to help fulfill the immediate unmet needs of people affected by Hurricane Florence. You can research other charitable

organizations on websites such as the Better Business Bureau's [Give.org](https://www.give.org) or [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org).

For tips on how to donate wisely and avoid charity scams, visit the Federal Trade Commissioner [website](#).

**Wake County residents** who have non-emergency questions or issues can contact Wake County at 919-856-7044.

**Members of the media** who need to contact the Communications Office staff member on duty in the Wake County Emergency Operations Center should call 919-856-7036 or email [communications@wakegov.com](mailto:communications@wakegov.com).

Updates about Wake County's hurricane response will be shared with local news outlets and on [wakegov.com](https://www.wakegov.com) and social media.

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