

HARVEY DONATIONS GUIDANCE

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is receiving numerous offers for assistance with Hurricane Harvey from local, county and state government agencies as well as individuals and corporations. The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management understands that there are New Jersey Citizens who want to assist in this disaster response and recovery mission. We are in contact with these affected areas and have responded to requests for support via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and requests from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Here is a quick guide to handling any resources that may be offered via the State of New Jersey:

Important Points To Know:

1. The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management would like to remind all agencies to not self deploy to any incident as it may become more of a burden to the recovery effort than it would be a benefit.
2. It is understandable that the citizens of New Jersey would want to send commodities to the affected areas. Please coordinate donations with the sponsoring agencies listed on helpnjnow.org/special-donations. Sending anything to the affected area that has not been requested will only further hamper recovery efforts.
3. **NJ CONSUMER ALERT: Be Careful of Phony Charities Soliciting Donations for Victims of Hurricane Harvey.** There are many unsanctioned groups collecting funds at this time. We recommend that you utilize the vetted organizations listed on the website helpnjnow.org/special-donations

Individuals and Corporations: The HELPNJNOW.org website was designed to connect resources with up to date community needs in order to best respond to disasters. This site was built and is maintained by a partnership between New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NJVOAD), the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) and the Governor's Office of Volunteerism. We've created a link to those organizations that are participating in the Harvey Response and Recovery helpnjnow.org/special-donations so you can be easily connected.

Municipal/County/State Equipment or Personnel: Determine specifically the type of resources that you are offering to send. The following website can assist your specific organization with FEMA resource typing: <https://www.fema.gov/resource-management-mutual-aid> . A mission ready package must be created and concurrent with FEMA standards. Information to assist in this can be found at emacweb.org. Once the package is completed please send it to the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management at NJEOC@gw.njsp.org for consideration. Any municipal agency should check with their respective office of Emergency Management for assistance. Any County agency should check with their respective County office of Emergency Management for guidance. Any State Agency should coordinate with their respective State Emergency Management Program Stakeholder representative for further guidance.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management will compile a list of available resources based on the completed mission ready packages and filter them to the appropriate Emergency Support Function lead in the State Emergency Operations Center. The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management will then supply the mission ready packages to the States of Texas and Louisiana via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Please contact the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management at NJEOC@gw.njsp.org with any questions.