# Virginia Hurricane Helene
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Press Release on 9/25/24*:*

*" Governor Glenn Youngkin declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia in anticipation of impacts from Hurricane Helene later this week. While the current track takes the center of the storm west of Virginia, National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center forecasts indicate that the western portions of the state could experience significant rainfall and flooding Friday into Saturday, combined with pre-cursor rainfall events predicted in the next few days. "Even though the largest impacts of Helene are predicted to the south and west of us, we cannot ignore the fact that we have had significant flooding events arise from pre-cursory rain events and outer bands from tropical systems that drop locally heavy rainfall leading to flooding, especially in our southwestern region," **said Governor Glenn Youngkin.** "It is critical that we remain vigilant, understanding that tracks and impacts can shift. As high winds and heavy rains are predicted for parts of Virginia, we urge everyone to stay informed through trusted resources and follow the direction of your local officials."*

*A state of emergency allows the Commonwealth to mobilize resources and equipment needed for preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. The Virginia Emergency Support Team stands ready to support affected localities and is actively monitoring the situation to coordinate resources and information. Virginians can also take several steps to be ready, please refer to the below for helpful planning tips.*

***Recommendations for Virginians***

***Make a plan.*** *Plan in advance a route to a safe place, how you will stay in contact with family and friends, and what you will do in different situations. Additional planning resources are available at vaemergency.gov/prepare/make-a-plan.*

***Prepare an emergency kit.*** *For a list of recommended emergency supplies to sustain your household before, during, and after the storm visit: VAemergency.gov/emergency-kit.*

***Stay informed.*** *Virginians should follow the Virginia Department of Emergency Management on X and Facebook for preparedness updates and their local National Weather Service office for the latest weather forecast, advisories, watches or warnings. Download the FEMA app on your smartphone to receive mobile alerts from the National Weather Service. Power outages are always a concern during weather events—make sure you have a battery-operated radio available so you can still receive life-saving alerts. "*

## Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Virginia Department of Emergency Management
9711 Farrar Court
North Chesterfield, VA 23236
(804) 267-7600
Home | VDEM (vaemergency.gov)
Virginia Department of Emergency Management | Facebook

To view County Emergency Management Agencies, visit Regions and Local | VDEM (vaemergency.gov)

## American Red Cross

American Red Cross of Virginia Regional Office
2825 Emerywood Parkway
Richmond, VA 23294
(804) 780-2250
Local Chapters | Virginia Region | American Red Cross
American Red Cross Virginia Region

To view an open list of shelters, visit Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross

## Department of Transportation

Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad St

Richmond, VA 23219
(800) 367-7623
Home | Virginia Department of Transportation
Virginia Department of Transportation | Facebook
VDOT Work Zone Awareness Week 2024 - Statewide Kids Safety Video (youtube.com)

For updated traffic conditions, visit Travel and traffic | Virginia Department of Transportation

## United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211.

2-1-1 Virginia
Call 2-1-1
Visit 2-1-1 Virginia (211virginia.org)

## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362
FEMA.gov
Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov to apply online.

## DisasterAssistance.gov

Home | disasterassistance.gov
Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.
To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.
To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: Search Your Location | FEMA.gov

## American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767
American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters

## National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: Active Alerts (weather.gov).

## The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.
National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.

## Safe Travel USA

SafeTravelUSA

## National Traffic And Road Closure Information

National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)