



# DISASTER LEGAL HELP: *What is it?*



Civil Legal Aid firms in Florida provide free civil legal assistance to help low income and vulnerable individuals and families recover from a major disaster. The aftermath of a disaster can be staggering, leaving survivors overwhelmed by the process of recovery. Civil Legal Aid firms work closely with disaster survivors to put them on the path to recovery. Attorneys may provide legal counseling, advice, and full representation to eligible clients in disaster cases.

## Critical Legal Needs After A Disaster

### FEMA Assistance and Appeals

- FEMA Appeals
- Disputing FEMA Debt Letters
- Disaster Housing Eligibility
- SBA Disaster Loans

### Housing Matters

- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Mortgage and Foreclosures Issues
- Lease Terminations and Evictions
- Bankruptcy and Credit Problems
- Security Deposit Disputes

### Replacing Lost Documents

- Birth and Death Certificates
- EBT Card
- Driver's License
- Wills

### Homeowner's Insurance Benefits

- Insurance Claims and Disputes
- Assignment of Benefits
- FEMA Flood Insurance Claims
- Public Adjuster Disputes

### Consumer Matters

- Contractor/Disaster-Related Fraud
- Financial and Debt Counseling
- Proof of Ownership Problems
- Price Gouging and Wage Theft

### Public Benefits

- Disaster Food Assistance (DSNAP)
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

## How to Find Your Local Legal Aid

Find the local legal aid in your county at [Florida Legal Aid Programs \(www.thefloridabarfoundation.org\)](http://www.thefloridabarfoundation.org)

Apply online for any county in Florida at Florida Online Intake ([www.floridalegalaidonline.org](http://www.floridalegalaidonline.org)) or call (800) 342-8011

If you are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, or Speech-Disabled, please dial 7-1-1 for the Florida Relay (<https://www.ftri.org/relay>) to connect with Civil Legal Aid Organizations.

## [Find Your Local Legal Aid Firm by County](#)

### Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Calhoun, Jackson, Gulf Counties

Legal Services of North Florida | [lsnf.org](http://lsnf.org) | 850-385-9007  
Northwest Florida Legal Service/Emerald Coast Legal Aid | [nwfls.org](http://nwfls.org) | 850-432-2336

### Liberty, Franklin, Gadsden, Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, Lafayette, Dixie Counties

Legal Services of North Florida | [lsnf.org](http://lsnf.org) | 850-385-9007  
Legal Aid Foundation Tallahassee Bar Assn. | [intake-referral@legalaidtallahassee.org](mailto:intake-referral@legalaidtallahassee.org) | 850-222-3292  
Three Rivers Legal Services | [trls.org](http://trls.org) | 386-752-5960

### Baker, Union, Bradford, Clay Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Flagler, Marion, Putnam, Alachua, Levy, Gilchrist Counties

Three Rivers Legal Services | [trls.org](http://trls.org) | 386-752-5960  
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid | [jaxlegalaid.org](http://jaxlegalaid.org) | 904-356-8371  
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida | [clsmf.org](http://clsmf.org) | 407-841-7777

### Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Pasco, Polk, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Hardee Counties

Gulf Coast Legal Services | [gulfcoastlegal.org](http://gulfcoastlegal.org) | 727-821-0726  
Bay Area Legal Aid | [bals.org](http://bals.org) | 800-625-2257  
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida | [clsmf.org](http://clsmf.org) | 407-841-7777  
Florida Rural Legal Services | [frls.org](http://frls.org) | 888-582-3410

### Lake, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin Counties

Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Assn. | [orangecountybar.org](http://orangecountybar.org) | 407-841-8310  
Legal Aid Society of Seminole County Bar Assn. | [scbalas.com](http://scbalas.com) | 407-834-1660  
Brevard County Legal Aid | [brevardcountylegalaid.org](http://brevardcountylegalaid.org) | 321-631-2500  
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida | [clsmf.org](http://clsmf.org) | 407-841-7777  
Florida Rural Legal Services | [frls.org](http://frls.org) | 888-582-3410

### Manatee, Sarasota, Desoto, Charlotte, Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Collier Counties

Gulf Coast Legal Services | [gulfcoastlegal.org](http://gulfcoastlegal.org) | 941-746-6151  
Bay Area Legal Aid | [bals.org](http://bals.org) | 800-625-2257  
Lee County Legal Aid Society | [leecountylegalaid.org](http://leecountylegalaid.org) | 239-334-6118  
Legal Aid of Manasota | [legalaidofmanasota.org](http://legalaidofmanasota.org) | 941-366-0038  
Legal Aid Society of Collier County | [collierlegalaid.org](http://collierlegalaid.org) | 239-775-4555  
Florida Rural Legal Services | [frls.org](http://frls.org) | 888-582-3410

### Palm Beach Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe Counties

Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida | [coasttocoastlegalaid.org](http://coasttocoastlegalaid.org) | 654-736-2400  
Legal Aid Service of Broward County | [browardlegalaid.org](http://browardlegalaid.org) | 954-765-8950  
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County | [legalaidpbc.org](http://legalaidpbc.org) | 561-655-8944  
Legal Aid Society of Dade County | [dadelegalaid.org](http://dadelegalaid.org) | 305-579-5733  
Legal Services of Greater Miami | [legalservicesmiami.org](http://legalservicesmiami.org) | 305-576-0080  
Florida Rural Legal Services | [frls.org](http://frls.org) | 888-582-3410