

IRMA STATEWIDE UPDATE:

The latest post-Irma recovery information, straight from the state Emergency Operations Center:

- **PORTS:** All ports are now open aside from Key West, which is still being surveyed for damage.
- **POWER:** The latest [power outage information can be viewed here](#) and is constantly updated.
- **FUEL:** The fuel situation in the state continues to improve, though slowly. Port Everglades, Port Canaveral and Port of Tampa are all open and are actively prioritizing fuel tanker ships.
- **HOT MEALS FOR LOW INCOME:** For those chambers with a significant grocery member base – The Florida Department of Children and Families announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has waived the restriction on hot foods for SNAP recipients throughout Florida. In order for the retailer to accept, DCF says the retailer needs to update their point of sale system. This waiver will end Sept. 30th.
- **EMERGENCY RELIEF QUICK RELEASE GRANT:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved a \$25 million Emergency Relief (ER) Quick Release Grant to support response and recovery efforts for Florida's roadways and transportation system. This federal funding will be used to conduct emergency repairs on impacted roads, embankments, bridges or other infrastructure and help restore traffic on major roadways to ensure Florida residents and visitors can travel safely.
- **PROPERTY INSURANCE:** Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier, per the direction of Governor Scott, issued an Emergency Order suspending and activating various insurance regulations and statutes to assist policyholders in post-storm recovery. Read the full order [here](#).

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU:

To aid Florida's business community, the following resources are available at www.FloridaChamber.com/hurricane:

- **Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center:** A clearinghouse of business assistance information following Hurricane Irma.
- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance:** Provides financial assistance to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster and who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

- **Consumer Alert – Beware of Insurance Scams:** The Florida Chamber and its [Consumer Protection Coalition](#) urge you to be on the lookout for unscrupulous home repair vendors and trial attorneys that try to profit off the disaster by asking you to sign an Assignment of Benefits (AOB). Remember consumer do not need to sign an AOB to get storm related home repairs or auto glass repairs made.