

HURRICANE

The Bahamas needs help following Hurricane Dorian. Here's how you can donate

BY MICHELLE MARCHANTE AND DEVOUN CETOUTE

SEPTEMBER 02, 2019 04:09 PM, UPDATED 42 MINUTES AGO

SHARE

Hurricane Dorian slammed the Bahamas on Sept. 1, 2019. The Category 5 storm caused serious damage in Abaco. Video shared by bahamaspress.com. BY BAHAMAS PRESS

With parts of the Bahamas severely hurt by Hurricane Dorian, [first-responder efforts](#) and collection drives are gearing up to help those in need.

Here are the different ways you can help:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Four Miami-Dade County government locations will accept donations for critical supplies requested by Bahamian government officials.

TOP ARTICLES



Dorian's going up, up and away. So why is there a weather alert for South FI...

Unlimited Digital Access: Only \$0.99 For Your First Month

Get full access to Miami Herald content across all your devices.

[SAVE NOW](#)

Requested supplies include beds, blankets, ice, non-perishable food, water and power banks. Officials are asking residents to only donate what is being requested by the government of the Bahamas. For the full list of requested items, [click here](#).

Drop-off locations are:

- **Miami-Dade County Main Library**, 101 W. Flagler St., Miami.

- **Stephen P. Clark Center**, 111 NW First St., Miami.
- **Joseph Caleb Center**, 5400 NW 22nd Ave., Miami.
- **Miami-Dade County Downtown Motor Pool**, 201 NW 1st St., Miami.
- **Office of Emergency Management Warehouse**, 8008 NW 14th St., Doral.
- **South Dade Government Center**, 10710 SW 211th St., Cutler Bay.

Those making donations at the Stephen P. Clark Center in downtown Miami will have their parking validated at the drop-off point on the first floor. All other locations have free parking available.

Miami-Dade County announced on Sept. 3, 2019, four locations accepting donations for the Bahamas as Hurricane Dorian makes its way north.

By Samuel Navarro

THE CITY OF MIAMI

The city of Miami has created 16 drop-off locations, including fire stations, to collect donations such as water, canned goods and diapers. Tropic Ocean Airways, a Fort Lauderdale-based private charter company, has volunteered to fly the supplies to the Bahamas on Wednesday, if the weather allows it, according to Miami Commissioner Ken Russell.



Ken Russell Miami
@kenrussellmiami

pscp.tv/w/cD0qvjExOTE0...

Ken Russell Miami @kenrussellmiami

kenrussellmiami was LIVE — Miami, FL, United States

pscp.tv

10 11:21 AM - Sep 2, 2019 · Christ Episcopal Church

[See Ken Russell Miami's other Tweets](#)

The city is requesting the following items:

- Water
- Canned goods
- Can openers
- Mosquito spray
- Sunscreen
- Diapers
- Baby formula
- First aid items
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Small generators

For a list of drop-off locations, visit miamigov.com/Government/BAHAMASTRONG

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and other city officials speak at a press conference to inform the public regarding the City of Miami's efforts to support the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian, in Miami, Florida on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

By [Daniel A. Varela](#)

OPERATION HELPING HANDS

United Way of Miami-Dade and the Miami Herald/el Nuevo Herald have [activated Operation Helping Hands](#) to support response, relief and recovery efforts. All of the funds raised through Operation Helping Hands will go directly to help people affected by Hurricane Dorian.

To donate:

- Visit unitedwaymiami.org
- Call 305-643-2501 or 211
- Send a check payable to Operation Helping Hands, c/o United Way of Miami-Dade, P.O. Box #459007, Miami, FL 33245-9007

Read Next

HURRICANE

Death toll rises to at least 7 as majority of Abaco Islands 'decimated' by Hurricane Dorian

SEPTEMBER 03, 2019 8:02 PM

KNIGHTS OF MALTA US

The Knights of Malta says it is planning on flying children and family members from the Bahamas to hospitals in Miami for treatment.

The faith-based organization says it will cover the medical services but is asking for donations to help as many people as possible. The funds are collected via PayPal and will “100 percent” reach faith-based and approved organizations to help Bahamians. To donate: knightsofmaltaus.org.

DONATIONS IN BROWARD



Broward County business owners with ties to the Bahamas are collecting donations for the Caribbean Islands following the disaster Hurricane Dorian left behind. Carli Teproff CTEPROFF@MIAMIHERALD.COM

Broward County business owners with ties to the Bahamas are collecting donations for the island chain. They are collecting medical supplies, baby food and diapers, toiletries, tarps, tents and tools, personal hygiene products and money. They are not accepting clothes or blankets.

▪ Riverside Market Original

608 SW 12th Ave., Fort Lauderdale

▪ **Riverside Market South**

3218 SE Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale

▪ **Riverside Market Plantation**

6900 Cypress Rd., Plantation

They have also created a Facebook group, “[Hope 4 Hope Town — Dorian Assistance for Northern Bahamas](#)” where they will provide information and have set up a [GoFundMe page](#).

KEY WEST BAHAMIAN CONNECTION

[Key West leaders](#) are putting together a humanitarian relief effort for Key West’s sister city, Green Turtle Cay, a [barrier island](#) off Great Abaco Island. They plan on setting up a trust account for financial donations and are securing air and water transportation to the island.

The group has created a Facebook page — [Conch Republic Hurricane Dorian Help!](#) — to post updates.

MIAMI-DADE YOUTH FAIR

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition has created a GoFundMe page to raise \$100,000 for Bahamians impacted by Hurricane Dorian. It says it will work with Bahamian authorities so that all of the funds go to those who need it most.

Those interested in donating, [click here](#).

CHEF JOSÉ ANDRÉS

The World Central Kitchen’s “Chef Relief Team” is in the Bahamas and the group says it has [four kitchens in place](#), according to a map Andrés tweeted out Monday.



José Andrés
@chefjoseandres

How do we organize a response in Bahamas? Here’s our current map we are working from.... [@WCKitchen](#) has kitchens ready to go and shelters mapped out. If kitchens are destroyed, we build one and cook in big paella pans! WCK.org/dorianmap



19.1K 12:50 PM - Sep 1, 2019

6,112 people are talking about this

“If kitchens are destroyed, we build one and cook in big paella pans!” the chef posted on Twitter.

World Central Kitchen has two kitchens set up at Castaways Resort & Suites and the Grand Lucayan Resort. It has another kitchen at the Abaco Beach Resort and one in Nassau, at Atlantis Bahamas. It is loading up a ship from Port Everglades on Wednesday to take supplies to the Bahamas.

Created in 2017 by celebrity chef [José Andrés](#), [World Central Kitchen distributed 3.7 million meals in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria](#). Those interested in donating, can [click here](#). Those interested in volunteering with the nonprofit, [can click here](#).



José Andrés

@chefjoseandres

Quick Report from The Bahamas! We [@WCKitchen](#) getting food and water into containers to deliver to Abaco and Grand Bahama. We also hope to land tonight or tomorrow morning by air when [#HurricaneDorian](#) moves. Whatever it takes support the many families impacted, we will be there...



9,681 1:56 PM - Sep 2, 2019

2,449 people are talking about this

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

The Archdiocese of Miami is accepting hurricane donations through Catholic Charities.

You can donate at: http://www.ccadm.org/disaster_relief_services/. All of the donations will be used for Hurricane Dorian relief efforts.

MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation has established a special relief fund to provide immediate assistance to those in the Bahamas and elsewhere impacted by Hurricane Dorian. The organization has pledged to absorb all administrative costs so all of the proceeds will go toward relief efforts.

You can donate by visiting JewishMiami.org/hurricanedorian. Checks can also be mailed payable to Greater Miami Jewish Federation, 4200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33137. Note “Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund” in the memo of each check.

RED CROSS BAHAMAS

The Red Cross Bahama Branch is requesting supplies such as canned goods, water, toiletries, bedding and batteries. Monetary donations can be made through bahamasredcross.org. Other donation options can be found in its Facebook post below:

FOOD FOR THE POOR DRIVE

The Broward-based charity is collecting canned meats, canned fish, canned milk — both evaporated and condensed — and diapers to help aid those in the Bahamas. The items can be dropped off at

the [Food for the Poor](#) warehouse, 6401 Lyons Road in Coconut Creek in Broward County, between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The charity says it is working with Sandals Foundation and the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida to coordinate aid.

DORAL DONATIONS

The City of Doral is partnering with Miami-Dade County to collect donations for the Bahamas until Sept. 18. Requested items include flashlights, wipes, water and mosquito spray.



City of Doral
@Cityofdoral

In the wake of [#HurricaneDorian](#) devastation of the Bahamas, [@cityofdoral](#) Mayor & City Council request the community's kindness & support w/donation of needed items to the victims of this storm. Please see flyer for [#Doral](#) parks accepting specific items. [#BahamasStrong](#) [#DoralProud](#)

67 10:41 AM - Sep 3, 2019

95 people are talking about this

The drop-off sites will run from 9-a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. weekends. Locations include:

Doral Legacy Park (11400 NW 82 St.)

• **Doral Meadow Park** (11555 NW 58th St.)

• **Morgan Levy Park** (5300 NW 102nd Ave.)

MIAMI BEACH

All Miami Beach Fire Stations are accepting goods and supplies that we are advised by the Bahamian Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be helpful to their relief effort.

Drop off supplies between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at any Miami Beach Fire Station. The City will assure the supplies make it to the planes that the county has coordinated with for delivery to the Bahamas.

Supplies requested by the government of the Bahamas:

- Potable/purified water
- Water bladders/containers
- Water purification kits
- Non-perishable food items
- First aid items (sterile bandages/gauze, medical tape, etc)
- Hygiene kits (diapers, baby formula, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc)
- Flashlights and batteries
- Insect repellent
- Portable radios
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, garbage bags, brooms/mops, etc)
- Plastic tarpaulins
- Debris removal tools (shovels, axes, etc)

Drop-off locations

Fire Station 1: 1045 Jefferson Ave.

Fire Station 2: 2300 Pine Tree Drive

Fire Station 3: 5303 Collins Ave.

Fire Station 4: 860 69th St.**MISHA'S CUPCAKES**

Misha's Cupcakes will begin a Hurricane Dorian Relief drive at its eight South Florida stores to collect supplies such as water, food and clothes for the Bahamas during store hours. Those who bring three or more items will get 25 percent off their purchase. To find a store near you visit, mishascupcakes.com.

FIU STRONG

Florida International University has activated "FIU Strong" to support students, faculty and alumni who may be impacted by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

"One hundred percent of the money raised will go directly to assist Panthers in need," according to the school's website.

Those interested in learning how they can donate, visit fiustrong.fiu.edu.

BRINGING WATER TO THE BAHAMAS

Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, is mobilizing to provide potable water to the Bahamas.

The organization said it is in contact with Bahamian municipalities to bring reverse osmosis, a specialized water purification system for saltwater, to the Abacos. According to Water Mission, there are little to no freshwater sources in this area, so reverse osmosis is an immediate way to purify water for the impacted communities. It is likely that rainwater and deep wells have been contaminated with saltwater.

To donate, go to watermission.org/hurricanedorian

DOLPHIN MALL

More than six government and commercial organizations are coming together in a Hurricane Dorian relief effort to collect supplies at Dolphin Mall.

The event — hosted by the Florida Highway Patrol, City of Sweetwater, City of Miami, multiple law enforcement agencies, Mobile Mike, iHeart Media and Dolphin Mall — will be held from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday at the mall.

The drive is asking for these things:

- New generators

- Plywood
- Construction materials
- Pop-up tents
- Gas cans
- Baby diapers, food and wipes
- Large boxes of sealed canned foods
- New blankets, cots, sleeping bags, air mattresses and tarps
- Large unopened bags of Pet Food or full boxes of Canned Pet Food

There will be no clothing or used items accepted. All donations can be dropped off at Dolphin Mall in the West Valet area between Cabo Flats and Cheesecake Factory.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Miami Dade College is supporting [several relief efforts](#) for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

MDC is providing assistance and support to Bahamian students currently enrolled at the college. In addition, MDC will assist college students from the Bahamas displaced by the storm. For information about assistance to students, call 305-237-8888.

The college is working with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management. Smaller items such as first aid and personal hygiene supplies can be dropped off at Student Life locations collegewide. Larger items such as tarps and tools can be dropped off at the Fuchs Pavilion at the Miami-Dade County Fair Grounds, at 10901 SW 24 St.

CITY OF HIALEAH

City of Hialeah has set up nine locations for people to donate supplies.

All of the City of Hialeah Fire Stations and Goodlet Park will serve as donation centers from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The locations will accept water, canned foods, can openers, mosquito repellent, sun block, diapers, baby formula, first aid kits, flash lights, batteries and small generators.

- **Fire Station 1**, 93 E. Fifth St.
- **Fire Station 2**, 4200 E. Eighth Ave.

- **Fire Station 3**, 800 W. 49 St.
- **Fire Station 4**, 251 E. 12th Ave.
- **Fire Station 5**, 1197 W. 74th St.
- **Fire Station 6**, 780 W. 24th Ave.
- **Fire Station 7**, 7590 W. 24th Ave.
- **Fire Station 8**, 5405 W. 18th Ave.
- **Goodlet Park**, 4200 W. Eighth Ave.

3 BUSINESSES JOIN TOGETHER

Group USA, Sunset Pediatrics and Your Insurance Attorney have set up three locations in Miami-Dade County to collect supplies for the Bahamas. The three

The locations are in Brickell, South Miami and Coconut Grove will be shipping all supplies to Tamiami Airport to be taken to the Bahamas. Supplies in need: non-perishable food, trash bags, toiletries, diapers and personal hygiene products.

- **Brickell Drop off location - MV Group USA**

120 Brickell Ave., Suite 660

- **South Miami Drop off location - Sunset Pediatrics**

7300 SW 62 Place, PH-West

- **Brickell Drop off location - Your Insurance Attorney**

2601 South Bayshore Dr., 18th Floor

NORTH MIAMI

The City of North Miami has launched a relief effort for victims of Hurricane Dorian in parts of the Bahamas.

The supply drive is being held at North Miami City Hall, at 776 NE 125th St., and will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Supplies needed: Canned food, baby supplies, diapers, powdered formula, baby food, tarps, portable water filter system, can openers, school supplies, cots, solar-powered fans, mosquito spray, sunscreen,

first-aid items, flashlights, batteries, small generators, blankets and hygiene kits. The city is unable to receive donated clothing or money.

CORAL GABLES

The City of Coral Gables and the city's fire department are collecting relief supplies for those in the Bahamas.

The locations are:

- **Fire Station 1**, 2815 Salzedo St.
- **Fire Station 2**, 525 S. Dixie Hwy.
- **Fire Station 3**, 11911 Old Cutler Road

Supplies: canned goods, can openers, mosquito spray, first-aid items, diapers and batteries.

Donate funds to the [Coral Gables Community Foundation here](#).

MIAMI LAKES

From 8: 30 a.m. until Friday at noon, the city will accept donations of supplies at the city's Town Hall, at 6601 Main St.

On Friday, a caravan will depart from the Town Hall to the Youth Fair Exhibition Hall, which is the central warehouse for all Bahamas-bound relief supplies.

This article will be updated with new volunteer, drives and donation information.

Note: This article has been clarified to say that the seaplanes traveling to the Bahamas with the supplies the city of Miami is collecting are not sponsored by the city. A private Fort Lauderdale-based company has volunteered to fly the supplies.

RELATED STORIES FROM MIAMI HERALD

HURRICANE

Hurricane Dorian now a Cat 4, lashing Bahamas as it crawls toward Florida before turn north

SEPTEMBER 02, 2019 08:13 AM

HURRICANE

What's open and closed around South Florida as Hurricane Dorian approaches?

SEPTEMBER 02, 2019 01:49 PM

HURRICANE

Hurricane Dorian live updates: Waiting and waiting for Dorian in Palm Beach Gardens

SEPTEMBER 02, 2019 10:45 AM



Strong wind from Hurricane Dorian blows the tops of trees while whisking up water from the surface of a canal in Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019. Hurricane Dorian hovered over the Bahamas on Monday, pummeling the islands with a fearsome Category 4 assault that forced even rescue crews to take shelter until the onslaught passes. *TIM AYLEN AP*