



Mississippi Tornadoes

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Social Media Post 03/15/25:

“My promised update on the severe storms, tornadoes and earthquake – based the most recent information that we have - that impacted Mississippi over the last 24 hours. First, I signed a State of Emergency tonight that allows us to further mobilize state assets and better support response and recovery efforts in the counties affected by the storms. Tragically, as of now, 6 deaths have been reported – one in Covington County, two in Jeff Davis County, and three in Walthall County. Also, as of now, three additional people are currently missing – two from Covington County and one from Walthall County. Preliminary reports indicate 29 injuries statewide – 15 in Covington County, two in Jeff Davis County, two in Pike County and 10 in Walthall County. Please pray for those who lost their life, those who are missing and those leading the search efforts, those who are healing, and their families. Damage assessments are currently underway. Preliminary assessments indicate that 21 counties sustained storm damage. Those counties include: Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Covington, Grenada, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Lauderdale, Lee, Leflore, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Pike, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, and Walthall. Approximately 16,000 are currently without power. This is down from a peak of about 30,000. Crews are currently working to restore power as quickly as possible. Thank you to all of our first responders, law enforcement officers, emergency managers, and crews who are working hard to assist our fellow Mississippians. Our entire state is grateful for your efforts and praying for you!”

Office of the Mayor

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Please note there is no current press release from the Mayor regarding the tornados

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS)
Post Office Box 958
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
(601) 987-1278
info@homelandsecurity.ms.gov

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American Red Cross

Jackson Office
9 River Bend Place
Flowood, Mississippi 39232
(601) 353-5442
1-800-RED-CROSS.

[Alabama and Mississippi | American Red Cross](#)
[American Red Cross of Mississippi | Facebook](#)

Please see the following Link for the most updated information on available shelters: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Open Shelters:

**Adams County
Adams County Safe Room
323 Libert Road
Natchez, Mississippi**

**Clairborne County
Clairborne County Safe Room
13004 Highway 18
Hermanville, Mississippi**

**Coahoma County
Coahoma County Safe Room
3240 Friars Point Road
Clarksdale, Mississippi**

**Copiah County
Joe L. Johnson Safe Room
1060 Epps Lane
Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083**

Desoto County

**County Safe Room
7312 Highway 51 N,
Southaven, Mississippi**

**Hernando Elementary School
455 Riley St.
Hernando, Mississippi 37632**

**Horn Lake Elementary School
6341 Ridgewood
Horn Lake, Mississippi 38637**

**Hope Sullivan Elementary School
7985 Southaven Circle West
Southaven, Mississippi 38671
Lewisburg Elementary School
1717 Craft Rd.
Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654**

**Olive Branch Elementary School
9549 Pigeon Roost
Olive Branch, Mississippi**

**Walls Elementary School
6131 Delta View Rd.
Walls, Mississippi 38680**

**Forrest County (will open 10:00 a.m. 3/15/25)
Forrest County Safe Room
946 Sullivan Drive
Hattiesburg, Mississippi**

**Grenada County
Grenada Safe Room
260 Mondy Rd
Grenada, Mississippi**

**Jasper County (will open 3/15 at 8:00 a.m.)
Jasper County Community Center
124 Edmund King Dr
Bay Springs, Mississippi 39422-5213**

**Jones County (opening at 11:00 p.m. 3/14/25)
2415 Ellisville Blvd
Laurel, Mississippi 39440**

**Lamar County (opens at 5:00 p.m. 3/14/25)
Lamar County Community Shelter
105 Central Industrial Row
Purvis, Mississippi**

**Oktibbeha County (Will open when a tornado watch is issued)
Oktibbeha County Community Safe Room
985 Lynn Lane, Starkville
Mississippi 39759**

**Rankin County (Open)
Rankin County Safe Room
651 Marquette Rd
Brandon, Mississippi**

Wayne County
The Courtroom inside the Wayne County Sheriff's Department
613 Court Street
Waynesboro, Mississippi

Department of Transportation

Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)
401 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
(866) 521-6368

[MDOT Home Page](#)

[Mississippi Department of Transportation | Facebook](#)

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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](#).

United Way

843 N President Street
Jackson, MS 39202
601.948.4725

[United Way of the Capital Area | Jackson MS | Facebook](#)

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 \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.