



In response to the Governor's proclamation encouraging Nebraskans to **PRAY & SERVE**, NFA is sharing a list of those serving flood victims for those in need of assistance or those wanting to assist.

## 2019 DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

#### NEMA (Nebraska Emergency Management Association):

NEMA has set up a hotline for general questions from the public. The number is 402-817-1551 or visit their website: <https://nema.nebraska.gov>

#### Disaster Relief Fund:

Nebraskans can apply or donate to the Disaster Relief Fund or access other disaster assistance resources at [www.nefb.org/disaster](http://www.nefb.org/disaster)

### SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE:

#### Businesses Needing Disaster Help:

Businesses can call the U.S. Chamber's Disaster Help Desk for Business at 1-888-692-4943.

#### **OR**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. To receive all potential federal assistance, all Homeowners, Renters, Businesses and Private Nonprofits impacted by the Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds and Flooding disaster should first register with FEMA. Next, SBA can be contacted to offer low-interest rebuilding loans.

Residents and Business owners may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

### Mortgage Relief:

The Nebraska Realtors Association and the Home Buyer's Assistance Foundation have partnered with Realtors Relief Foundation to help with mortgage payment assistance due to displacement for up to \$1000. They are also accepting donations towards a \$50,000 match. Learn more at

<https://www.nebraskarealtors.com/m/pages.cfm?pageID=4230>

### Property Cleanup Help:

Nebraskans needing property cleanup can contact the Crisis Clean Up Hotline: 833-556-2476.

### Receiving & Donating Agricultural Supplies:

Farmers and ranchers in need of assistance by the Nebraska National Guard should contact their local emergency manager. A list of emergency managers can be found at: <https://nema.nebraska.gov/overview/county-emergency-management-directorscoordinators>.

For more information contact 800-831-0550 or [nda.nebraska.gov](http://nda.nebraska.gov). Current primary needs are hay, fencing, volunteers, & equipment.

### Water Test Kits:

Department of Environmental Quality has water test kits that can be ordered online at [www.nebraska.gov/dhhs/water-test-kits/private.html](http://www.nebraska.gov/dhhs/water-test-kits/private.html).

## **SPECIFIC AGENCIES FOR DONATIONS, AID, & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

### Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska:

Catholic Social Services is also offering "flood relief." Checks can be mailed to the organization at its administrative offices, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510 or via [cssisus.org](http://cssisus.org). Please write "flood relief" in the check memo or online choose "flood relief" in the *specific designation for your gift* field.

### Churches in Action:

Churches in Action (CIA) is working together with disaster relief agencies to provide aid and organize volunteers for areas within a one hour radius of Columbus (Platte and Colfax counties). You can learn more at: <https://www.floodreliefne.org/>

### Convoy of Hope:

Convoy of Hope has already sent 150,000 lbs of bottle water as well is coordinating with churches and emergency management help those affected by the floods. You can donate or learn more at

<https://www.convoyofhope.org/blog/features/disaster-response/convoy-of-hope-responds-to-flooding-in-nebraska/>

### Lutheran Family Services:

Lutheran Family Services is soliciting donations to provide needed supplies in affected areas. Donations can be made at [lfsneb.org/flood](https://lfsneb.org/flood)

### Omaha Rapid Response:

Omaha Rapid Response is a faith-based organization that deploys to natural and man-made disasters. If you would like to donate or volunteer visit their website at <http://omaharapidresponse.org/>

### Orphan Grain Train:

Orphan Grain Train located in Norfolk, NE promises “100% of your donation will go towards helping families affected by recent floods.” You can mail your donation to: Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702 or visit their website:

<https://www.ogt.org/flood-relief-efforts/>

### Nebraska Farm Bureau:

The Farm Bureau has launched a disaster relief fund for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities affected by the flood. It has also opened the Agricultural Disaster Exchange portal housed on its Nebraska Farm Bureau website. Members can share information making their requests for assistance made known visit:

<https://www.nefb.org/get-involved/disaster-assistance>

### Red Cross:

To donate to the Red Cross, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. You can also text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. You can also visit a local Red Cross facility to donate blood.

### Salvation Army:

Nebraskans who want to volunteer should call the Salvation Army's volunteer hotline at 402-898-6050 to register.

### Samaritan's Purse:

Samaritan's Purse is deployed to Dodge County, Nebraska with their base operations location being Fremont Alliance Church. You can sign up to volunteer or donate at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/samaritans-purse-on-the-ground-in-wake-of-nebraska-floods/>