

FEMA Region IV Private Sector Update: Hurricane Matthew Re-entry Information

Florida	Georgia	North Carolina	South Carolina
Statewide Private Sector Re-Entry Program	Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMHSA) Critical Workforce Disaster Permits and Re-entry Standard Operating Guidance	Disaster Re-entry Certification Program	Business Reentry Certification
<p>Statewide system administered by the Florida Emergency Management Agency via the FL Virtual Business Operations Center (VBEOC). Businesses may register at no cost via the FL VBEOC.</p> <p>In Section 10 of Executive Order, 16-230, the Governor outlined the re-entry process for individuals seeking to transport essential commodities to areas impacted by Hurricane Matthew. When seeking re-entry under that process, those individuals can greatly assist local officials by possessing the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver's License 2. Proof of Employment (such as Employer credentials, letter on employer letterhead) 3. Demonstrated Need to enter area (such as a work order or inventory list) 	<p>GEMHSA issues Re-entry Permits to Critical Infrastructure owners/Operating Officers (CI/OO) and Georgia coastal counties' Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs). These permits are made available for companies to disseminate to their contractors, subcontractors and assigns.</p> <p>CI/OO Required Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer-issued photo ID • Marked company vehicle or state-issued Disaster Re-entry Permit for vehicles that are unmarked or otherwise unrecognizable as being affiliated with a CI/OO. <p>Contractors, Subcontractors & Assigns of the CI/OO Required Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer-issued photo ID • State-issued Re-entry permit <p>Scope: GEMA will only provide up to re-entry permits directly to the County EMAs and CI/OOs with regional or state responsibilities (a maximum of 500 permits to any single CI/OO).</p>	<p>Statewide re-entry certification program administered and managed by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (NC EM), Private Sector Office (NC EM). There is no fee to register. <i>Annual renewal required.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered vendors providing critical services, essential commerce, and necessary goods for the health and safety of citizens. • Approved companies are issued re-entry certificate annually. Certificates may be copied, distributed and displayed as required • During an event, local authorities determine the order of access to restricted or curfew areas. Categories are: Life, Health Safety, and Economic Wellbeing. • Once a level of restriction is entered or changed, registered companies in the affected area receive notification through WebEOC • Certificate of entry exempts vendors from curfew and restrictions. MOA required. Note: local law enforcement may re-route vendors to their locations based on safety. 	<p>Statewide pre-event business registration program coordinated jointly by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) and South Carolina Department of Commerce. There is no fee to register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering businesses must be in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State • Businesses apply for re-entry certification through the SCEMD website • By registering, employers enter into a memorandum of agreement with SCEMD • Only one registration number is required for businesses with multiple locations and employees who need to return following an evacuation. <p>This reentry certification process does NOT prohibit local public safety officials from denying access to an area deemed unsafe. County emergency managers may have separate, local procedures for businesses wishing to gain access to the county after an evacuation. You will need to check with the local, county emergency management office for local emergency management ordinances.</p> <p>FOR BUSINESSES TRYING TO ENTER BEAUFORT COUNTY, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS A SEPARATE PROGRAM THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENTER FOLLOWING A DISASTER. CALL 1-800-963-5023 FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.</p>
<p>Key Contacts: FL Division of Emergency Management FL Virtual Business Emergency Operation Center (FLVBEOC) FLVBEOC Contacts</p> <p>Private Sector: esf18@em.myflorida.com; 850-410- 1403 #FLOpen4Biz - @FLSERT</p>	<p>Key Contacts: GA Emergency Management Agency GEHMSA Regional Field Offices</p> <p>Private Sector: Janay.stargell@gema.ga.gov #GAOpen4Biz - @GeorgiaEMA</p>	<p>Key Contacts: NC Division of Emergency Management County EMA Contact Information</p> <p>Private Sector: phurley@ncem.org #NCOpen4Biz - @NCEmergency</p>	<p>Key Contacts: SC Emergency Management Division County EMA Contact Information</p> <p>Private Sector: dperry@emd.sc.gov #SCOpen4Biz - @SCEMD</p>

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Be advised that Local Law Enforcement and Public Safety Forces may restrict access to areas due to safety concerns. Please ensure you have informed the respective state private sector contact that you are planning to/attempting to enter an area before doing so.