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## News Release

### Mitigation Experts Offer Rebuilding Advice in Charlotte and Lee Counties

**BRANDON, Fla.** – As Floridians rebuild, survivors of Hurricane Ian can get free advice on how to rebuild stronger and safer against storms.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be in Charlotte and Lee counties to answer questions and offer free home improvement tips and proven methods to prevent and lessen damage from future disasters. This information is geared for do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Mitigation is an effort to reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of a disaster. The FEMA specialists will be available at the following locations:

#### **Port Charlotte Hurricane Recovery EXPO**

Walmart Supercenter

19100 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, Noon to 5 p.m.

#### **Englewood Hurricane Recovery EXPO**

Walmart Supercenter

2931 S. McCall Rd., Englewood, FL 34224

Monday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **Cape Coral Hurricane Recovery EXPO**

Walmart Supercenter

1619 Del Prado Blvd. S., Cape Coral, FL 33990

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13, Noon to 5 p.m.

#### **Fort Myers Hurricane Recovery EXPO**

Walmart Supercenter

4770 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966-1034

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 20, Noon to 5 p.m.

## Fort Myers Home and Remodeling Show

Lee Civic Center

11831 Bayshore Rd. North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Friday, Nov. 11, Noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Homeowners and renters in Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties can apply for FEMA assistance in the following ways:

- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find an open recovery center, visit [fema.gov/drc](https://www.fema.gov/drc)
- Apply online by visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)
- Use the [FEMA mobile app](#)
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. The line is open every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Ian, visit [floridadisaster.org/info](https://www.floridadisaster.org/info) and [fema.gov/disaster/4673](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4673). Follow [FEMA Region 4 \(@femaregion4\) / Twitter](#) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://www.facebook.com/fema).

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