

DELRAY BEACH POST HURRICANE IRMA BUSINESS RECOVERY BRIEF

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Businesses throughout the Delray Beach community have been impacted by Hurricane Irma. As you work to assess the impact on your employees, property, inventory, equipment and operating revenue, here are a few resources that may help you during the recovery period. We stand ready to assist you and your employees – let us know how.

✓ Complete and submit the Business Damage Assessment Survey

If your business has been impacted by Hurricane Irma, fill out this [simple form](#) to help ensure that our area gets the proper state and federal resources, and to expedite disaster relief programs for all businesses.

✓ Report damage to Palm Beach County Business and Industry Unit ESF 18.

All businesses are also asked to immediately assess and report any damage that is a direct result of Hurricane Irma. Send an email regarding your damage to esf18@pbcgov.org for inclusion in the overall reporting of damage to the county, State and Federal agencies.

✓ Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

Short-term, interest-free loans of up to \$25,000 are now available to qualified businesses. Applications will be accepted under this program through Oct. 31, 2017, contingent on the availability of funds, for small businesses with two (2) -100 employees established prior to Sept. 4, 2017. Follow these easy steps to begin the application process:

- 1) [Register online](#) for free consulting services from the Florida SBDC Network.
- 2) Review criteria and download application at FloridaDisasterLoan.org.

✓ Employees and Residents with Losses

Individuals can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov for disaster assistance from FEMA or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EDT seven days a week until further notice.

RESUMING BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- Free WiFi, computer workstations and meeting spaces are available at the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Delray Beach Public Library. Small business assistance (on the second floor of the Delray Beach Public Library) is also available.
 - **Delray Beach Public Library** (100 W. Atlantic Ave.) Mon-Wed: 9am-8pm; Thurs-Sat: 9am-5pm; Sun: 1pm-5pm
 - **Chamber of Commerce** (140 NW 1st St.) – Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
 - **Small Business Development Center Consulting Services** – Will resume on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Delray Beach Public Library. [Register online](#) for an appointment.
- **Are you open for open for business again? Let us know, so that we can help spread the word.**
 - Downtown Businesses and Merchants: Send an email with a selfie photo or business photo to the DDA at dda@downtowndelraybeach.com or text 561-573-3672.
 - Other Delray Beach Businesses: Comment on the [Chamber Facebook Page](#)

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