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Media Advisory

FEMA Experts Now Offering Rebuilding Tips in Charlotte, DeSoto and Lee Counties

LAKE MARY, Fla. – FEMA continues to add sites to its roster of locations offering free mitigation advice. As part of a continued effort to help Floridians rebuild from Hurricane Nicole and Hurricane Ian, FEMA will offer free advice in Charlotte, DeSoto and Lee Counties starting March 30. The information will focus on how to rebuild stronger and safer against storms.

WHERE:

HOME DEPOT

Charlotte County

12621 S. McCall Road

Port Charlotte, Florida 33981

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday

8: a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday

ACE HARDWARE

DeSoto County

Ace Hardware

1009 N. Brevard Ave.

Arcadia, Florida 34266

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday

8: a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday

HOME DEPOT

Lee County

2508 Skyline Blvd.

Cape Coral, Florida 33914

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday

8: a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday

While at each location, FEMA mitigation specialists will answer questions and offer free home improvement tips and proven methods to prevent and lessen damage from future disasters. Mitigation is an effort to reduce the loss of life

and property damage by lessening the impact of a disaster. The information is geared for do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

In addition to receiving in-person advice, Hurricane Nicole and Hurricane Ian survivors can call the FEMA Mitigation Line to speak with mitigation specialists. The number is 833-336-2487 and is available Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Ian, visit floridadisaster.org/info and fema.gov/disaster/4673. For Hurricane Nicole, visit fema.gov/disaster/4680. Follow [@femaregion4](https://www.facebook.com/fema) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/fema) and [facebook.com/fema](https://www.facebook.com/fema).

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