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Americans are mourning and trying to rescue what is salvageable after severe weather across six states left dozens dead and others without power, shelter or their loved ones.

President Biden pledged the federal government's full support for relief efforts. He declared a state of emergency for Kentucky and instructed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help 15 counties there.

State leaders and national nonprofit organizations are raising money for the relief efforts, most of which are concentrated in western Kentucky.

The Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund went live Saturday to help those affected by the devastation.

Kentucky has needed blood donations since the coronavirus pandemic hit the state, Beshear said, and Friday's disaster has increased that need.

People can donate blood at Red Cross locations. Blood donations can also be made at Kentucky Blood Center drives.

La Grange Kentucky Main Street has set up a relief fund for the American Red Cross.

Clarksville, Ind., is raising money for the American Red Cross, and the United Way of Kentucky is asking for donations.

People who would like to give items other than — or including — money can donate clothes, food and other supplies to various organizations, including the Salvation Army.

Kentucky's Heartland branch of Feeding America set up a donation link that will help the group feed hungry Kentuckians who might be without power and meals over the weekend.

Michael Capponi, founder of Global Empowerment Mission, a nonprofit organization based near Miami that helps people who have experienced natural disasters, headed to Mayfield, Ky., with a team and four trucks of goods to distribute.

Experience with aiding survivors of natural disasters from Haiti to Surfside, Fla., told him that the scope of the Kentucky damage would be severe, he told The Washington Post in an interview.

He said his priority is to get supplies — provided by partners including Bethenny Frankel's BStrong initiative, Goya Foods and Walmart — to survivors as soon as possible.

Team Rubicon, a veteran-led disaster relief organization, deployed six people to Kentucky for recovery efforts that include clearing roadways from Benton to Mayfield.

Response services could include removing fallen or hazardous debris, Kirby Willis, Team Rubicon's volunteer Kentucky logistics leader, said in a statement to The Post.

Convoy of Hope, an international faith-based nonprofit that helps disaster victims, sent semitrailers full of relief supplies to Kentucky to deliver to those affected by the tornadoes.

Here are some other organizations that will distribute donations to help survivors.

- [GoFundMe](#) has launched a hub of verified fundraisers where proceeds will go to survivors and relief efforts.
- [CARE](#), an international aid organization, and partners are providing food, water and shelter, as well as cash assistance to families.
- [International Medical Corps](#), a nonprofit organization, is deploying an emergency response to Kentucky.

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To Get Help

Contact us anytime for confidential assistance.

Arkansas

- United Way 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://www.arkansas211.org/>
- American Red Cross: 501.614.4400 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/arkansas>
- Office of Emergency Management: 501.683.6700 or visit: <https://adem.arkansas.gov/>

Illinois

- 2-1-1 Illinois: Call 2-1-1 from your service area or 309.999.4029 or visit: <http://www.211hoi.org/>
- American Red Cross 312.729.6100 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/illinois.html>
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency: 800.782.7860 or visit: <http://www.illinois.gov/iema/Pages/default.aspx>

Indiana

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <https://in211.communityos.org/>
- American Red Cross: 888.684.1441 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/indiana.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 219.755.9549 or visit: <https://www.lakecountyin.org/portal/group/emergency-mgmt/page/default>

Kentucky

- United Way 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <https://uwky.org/211>
- American Red Cross: 502.589.4450 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/kentucky.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 800.255.2587 or visit: <http://kyem.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Missouri

- Missouri 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://www.211missouri.org/>
- American Red Cross: 816.931.8400 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/missouri.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 573.526.9100 or visit: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/>

Tennessee

- United Way 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://tn211.mycommunitypt.com/>
- American Red Cross: 865.584.2999 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 615.741.001 or visit: <http://www.tnema.org/>

Shelters

Lone Oak Baptist Church	3601 Lone Oak Road	Paducah	KY	42003
Wingo Old Cumberland Presbyterian Church	334 Lebanon Street	Wingo	KY	42088
The Way Center	449 Lebanon Street	Wingo	KY	42088
Jennings Creek Elementary School	2617 Russellville Road	Bowling Green	KY	42101
SOKY Fairgrounds	940 Morgantown	Bowling Green	KY	42101
Reelfoot Youth Camp	4304 Kendall Road	Hornbeak	TN	38232
First Baptist Church of Kenton	204 S Poplar Street	Kenton	TN	38233
Hendersonville Church of Christ	107 Rockland Road	Hendersonville	TN	37075
Dresden Adult Basic Education Center	8250 TN-22	Dresden	TN	38225

Road Conditions

Call 511: The Department of Transportation offers its free 511 service for travel information and roadway conditions, including road and bridge closures, toll suspensions and major evacuation routes.

Arkansas Department of Transportation:

- 501.569.2374; <http://www.arkansashighways.com/>

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Illinois Department of Transportation

- Dial 511; <https://idot.illinois.gov/>

Indiana Department of Transportation

- Dial 511; <http://www.in.gov/indot/>

Kentucky Department of Transportation:

- 866.737.3767 <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/kydiv/>

Missouri Department of Transportation

- <http://www.modot.org/>

Tennessee Department of Transportation

- 877.244.0065; <http://www.tn511.com>

Power Outage

To report an outage, call:

Arkansas

- Entergy: 800.968.8243: <https://www.entergy-arkansas.com/>

Illinois

- Ameren: 800.755.5000: <https://www.ameren.com/outage-center>
- ComEd: 800.334.7661: <https://www.comed.com/Outages/CheckOutageStatus/Pages/default.aspx>
- Corn Belt Energy: 800.879.0339: <https://www.cornbeltenergy.com/emergency-information/map.html>

Indiana

- Northern Indiana Public Service (NIPSCO): 800.464.7726: <https://www.nipsco.com/outages/power-outages>
- Duke Energy: 800.228.8485: <https://www.duke-energy.com/outages>

Kentucky

Kentucky Power: 800.572.1113: <https://www.kentuckypower.com/outages/outageMap.aspx>

Missouri

- Ameren: 800.552.7583: <https://outagemap.ameren.com/>
- Empire District: 800.206.2300: <https://www.empiredistrict.com/Outages/OutageMap>
- City Utilities: 888.863.9000: <https://www.cityutilities.net/outage/map-status/>

Tennessee

- MLGW: 901.544.6500: <http://www.mlgw.com/residential/outagemap>

Airport Closures

Passengers are urged to not come to the local airport unless your flight has been confirmed. If your flight was canceled, please call your airline's customer service telephone number or rebook through your airline's website.

Flight delay information: <http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>