

2025 West Coast Storm Newsletter



Multi-Agency Resource Center Supports Evacuees at the Egan Center

This past weekend, the Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) at the Egan Center in Anchorage provided important help and resources to people affected by the 2025 West Coast Storms. The MARC was open on Saturday, Nov. 15, and Sunday, Nov. 16, giving evacuees two full days to get in-person assistance, information, and donated essentials.

To make it easier for families to attend, regular bus transportation ran between the Non-Congregate Shelters and the Egan Center. Throughout the weekend, hundreds of evacuees received help applying for disaster programs, replacing lost documents, learning about available community services, and speaking directly with agencies working on recovery.



Nearly a dozen organizations were onsite, working together to support evacuees. Staff and volunteers helped people fill out applications, answered questions, and handed out donated clothing, food, and household supplies. Many evacuees were able to take the next steps in their recovery, meet with caseworkers, and bring home items they needed.

The Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) brought together state, federal, nonprofit, and tribal partners to support survivors of the 2025 West Coast Storms. Over the course of the event, FEMA made 545 total survivor interactions, while the State of Alaska assisted with 21 disaster assistance applications. Team Rubicon distributed 30 pallets of clothing, and the Calista Corporation helped 100 people with career and shareholder services. The American Red Cross provided financial support to 60 households, and The Salvation Army distributed 120 gift cards. In addition, 59 survivors connected with the Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster assistance.



Thank you to all the partner organizations for their hard work and to every evacuee who came out to take part in the MARC.

UAA Basketball Tickets Available for Evacuees

Vouchers are available for free entry to the Great Alaska Shootout for evacuees staying in non-congregate shelters. Vouchers will be available directly through Red Cross staff at each NCS location. Supplies are limited, so please check in with shelter staff for pick-up times and details. Take a break, enjoy some basketball, and spend time with the community.



Call 211 or Visit alaska211.org to Get Help Finding Resources



Why should I call 211?

211 knows what services are available right now and can point you to the closest, fastest options.

How does it work?

Dial 211 and tell them what you need. They will guide you.

Info about:

- ✓ Housing & shelter
- ✓ Healthcare
- ✓ Local support programs
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Food & supplies
- ✓ Mental health



Thanksgiving Events

Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing Free Holiday Meal Distribution

Monday, November 24 • 2–7 pm

Hosted by the Food Bank of Alaska and partners, the annual Thanksgiving Blessing provides families in need with a free holiday meal box. Depending on the location that serves your ZIP code, families can receive a frozen turkey (with pan and gravy) along with groceries for a full dinner: stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, butter, and rolls.

This is a free, drive-thru or walk-thru event, depending on the site. Evacuees staying in Anchorage can participate as long as they visit the location that corresponds with their ZIP code. Supplies are limited and distributed while they last, so arriving early is encouraged.

A full list of ZIP codes served by each location is included online at:
foodbankofalaska.org/blessing.

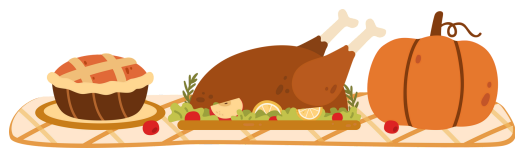


Thanksgiving Potluck in Bethel for Evacuees, Host Families & Volunteers

Monday, November 24 • 4–8 pm
at Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center

Evacuees staying in Bethel, as well as host families and volunteers, are invited to a warm and welcoming Thanksgiving Potluck. This community gathering is an opportunity to share a meal, connect with others, and take a break from the ongoing challenges of recovery.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to share, but all are welcome regardless of whether they are able to bring food. The potluck is sponsored by AVCP Healthy Families, the City of Bethel, UAF-KuC, and the Kuskokwim Consortium Library, who are coming together to create a supportive, friendly space for anyone impacted by the 2025 West Coast Storms.



Looking for Your Dog? Here's How to Find Them

Since the 2025 West Coast Storm, 216 dogs have been safely rescued from Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Napakiak, Nightmute, and Tuntutuliak. Many families have already been reunited with their pets, and more reunifications are happening every day.

If you are still searching for your dog, you can browse photos of all unclaimed pets at:



<https://alaskatyphoondogs.org/>

You can also call or text the **Office of State Vet Statewide Pet Help Hotline** at **907-615-8904** to leave a message about a missing dog or to report dogs in need in affected areas.

Your pets are being cared for safely, and reunification remains a top priority. Let us help bring your family back together.

As of November 19, 2025:

- 42 dogs have been reunited with their families
- 23 dogs have been claimed and are awaiting pickup
- 46 dogs have been claimed and are currently in long-term foster care while owners get resituated
- 36 dogs have been surrendered
- 9 dogs have been adopted
- 31 dogs remain unclaimed



"Boots" is reunited with his family.



"Curly" and her family.



Scan the QR code here or visit ready.alaska.gov for a list of resources and regular updates related to the 2025 West Coast Storm.



Don't Miss Out on Help - Apply for Assistance

Applying to multiple assistance programs increases your chances of receiving the full support your family needs, whether that's help with temporary housing, home repairs, personal property, transportation, or other essential needs. Each program provides different types of support, and no single program covers every kind of loss—this is why it's important to apply for more than one. And remember: you can apply online or over the phone!

If you're unsure where to begin, shelter staff and on-site partners can help guide you through the process. The sooner you apply, the sooner assistance can begin. Scan the QR codes or click the underlined links below to begin your assistance applications.



**State of Alaska
Individual Assistance**
Deadline: January 8,
2025



**FEMA Individual
Assistance**
Deadline: December 22,
2025



**American Red Cross
Financial Assistance**
Deadline Extended:
December 12, 2025



**Small Business
Administration (SBA)
Disaster Loans**
Deadline: December 22,
2025