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Free Louisiana and Mississippi Disaster Home Cleanup Hotline Available Now

Call [1-800-451-1954](tel:1-800-451-1954) for free help from local relief agencies

[Baton Rouge, LA]. – August 15, 2016 – From now through September 16, 2016, Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (www.ITDRC.org) and VisionLink (www.VisionLink.org), are staffing and supporting a free hotline for the survivors of the Louisiana/Mississippi floods. This hotline will connect survivors with reputable and vetted relief agencies that will assist in cleaning and mucking out homes. All services are free.

“Voluntary relief agencies play a vital role in whole community recovery. The police and fire department can save your life in an emergency, but they do not have the time or resources to help you clean out your home,” said [Dr. Douglas Zimmerman](#), president and CEO of VisionLink. “This partnership helps connect survivors with local relief agencies in your area,” said Joe Hillis, operations Director with ITDRC which is providing volunteers to staff the hotlines.

This hotline will alert multiple relief agencies that survivors need help. All services are free and performed by vetted and reputable relief agencies and members of the Louisiana, Mississippi and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Response times will vary so we ask the citizens of Louisiana and Mississippi for their patience while the teams receive and organize their response to help.

Please note that calling the helpline, does not replace a local municipality’s request for residents to report damage nor does it register you for assistance with FEMA. Survivors should still contact those entities separately.

Survivors needing assistance with home cleanup in Louisiana and Mississippi may call: [1-800-451-1954](tel:1-800-451-1954)

About VisionLink

VisionLink has been supporting communities since 1991. VisionLink manages millions of client records for our customers, who in turn manage information about human service providers, government agencies, volunteers and donors, and schools and employers in 8,000 communities across the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

It is reassuring to know that VisionLink software has been tested like no other. During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, VisionLink became the nation's system of record for millions of people and thousands of shelters. VisionLink now provides mission critical systems for the American Red Cross (National Shelter System, the Client Assistance Network, and Safe & Well), United Ways, agencies supporting aging adults, federal and state government departments, international pharmaceutical and medical equipment donors, as well as many large and small nonprofit organizations across the nation and around the world. More information about VisionLink can be found at <http://www.VisionLink.org>.