

**March 8, 2018**

## **USDA Foreclosure Moratorium Extended for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Maria**

USDA is extending the moratorium on property foreclosures in the Presidentially Declared Disaster (PDD) areas impacted by Hurricane Maria. In light of the severity of the damage caused by the storm, the foreclosure moratorium will be extended until June 19, 2018.

This extension applies to new foreclosures as well as foreclosures already initiated. USDA guidance outlined in “Assistance in Natural Disasters” and located in [Chapter 18](#), Section 4, 7 CFR 3555.307 of the SFHGLP Handbook requires an initial moratorium on foreclosure actions within a PDD for ninety days following the date of each PDD declaration. The extensions are intended to provide greater relief to homeowners in the PDD areas.

If you have any questions, please contact the USDA Rural Development Customer Service Center at (866) 550-5887 or the National Office at (202) 720-1452.

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## **Help Resources**

### **Policy Questions**

Customer Service Center

Phone: 866-550-5887

Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division

Phone: 202-720-1452

### **USDA ITS Service Desk Support Center**

For e-Authentication assistance

Email: [eAuthHelpDesk@ftc.usda.gov](mailto:eAuthHelpDesk@ftc.usda.gov)

Phone: 800-457-3642, option 1 (USDA e-Authentication Issues)

### **Rural Development Help Desk**

For GUS system, outage or functionality assistance

Email: [RD.HD@STL.USDA.GOV](mailto:RD.HD@STL.USDA.GOV)

Phone: 800-457-3642, option 2 (USDA Applications); then option 2 (Rural Development)

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