



## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the 2025 calendar year, ToolBank Disaster Services (TDS) provided targeted, mission-driven support to communities impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires across multiple regions of the United States. While the overall hurricane season was slower than projected, TDS remained operationally ready and responsive, delivering critical tool and equipment support to nonprofit partners engaged in long-term recovery (LTR) and immediate response efforts.

The reduced storm tempo allowed the TDS team to focus on internal readiness, logistics optimization, training, and strategic planning—strengthening our posture and ensuring we are better equipped for a projected increase in activity during the 2026 storm season.

## 2. OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

### HURRICANE HELENE – TENNESSEE & NORTH CAROLINA

ToolBank Disaster Services supported long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene by providing tools, equipment, and logistical coordination to nonprofit and volunteer partners operating in Tennessee and North Carolina. Support focused on:

- Debris removal and property clean-up
- Home repair and rebuilding efforts
- Sustained LTR partner support

TDS maintained consistent communication with regional stakeholders to ensure resources were aligned with evolving recovery needs.

### FLORIDA TORNADO EVENTS

TDS provided tool and equipment support to response and recovery partners following tornado activity in Florida. Assistance enabled:

- Rapid debris clearance
- Volunteer safety and efficiency
- Early-stage recovery operations

Coordination with local and regional partners ensured timely deployment and effective utilization of resources.

### CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

ToolBank Disaster Services supported nonprofit partners responding to wildfire impacts across California. Resources were supplied to assist with:

- Cleanup and mitigation activities
- Property and community recovery
- Volunteer-led response operations

### HAWAII WILDFIRES

- In Hawaii, TDS supported recovery partners addressing wildfire damage, with an emphasis on sustained recovery operations and safe volunteer engagement in affected communities.

## 3. SEASONAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT

The 2025 hurricane season was notably slower than anticipated. While this resulted in fewer large-scale activations, it provided a valuable opportunity for the TDS team to:

- Conduct equipment maintenance and inventory optimization
- Strengthen logistics and deployment processes
- Enhance staff training and cross-functional readiness
- Improve coordination frameworks with ToolBank hubs and nonprofit partners

This period of reduced operational tempo was leveraged intentionally to increase preparedness and resilience ahead of future high-impact disaster seasons.

## 4. READINESS FOR 2026

As a result of focused planning and capability-building during 2025, ToolBank Disaster Services enters the 2026 storm season with:

- Improved equipment readiness and availability
- Refined deployment and communication processes
- Increased organizational agility and response capacity
- A highly trained and mission-ready TDS team

The lessons learned and investments made during this slower season position TDS to respond quickly, effectively, and at scale to future disasters.

## 5. CONCLUSION

ToolBank Disaster Services remained steadfast in its mission throughout 2025—supporting communities impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires while strategically strengthening internal readiness. As we look ahead to 2026, TDS is better equipped, better trained, and fully prepared to meet the demands of an increasingly complex disaster landscape.

