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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - July 9, 2021



This week, we all carefully watched the projected track of Elsa as it approached the Florida coast. The first named storm to make landfall in our state this hurricane season, it brought heavy rain and wind to much of Florida's peninsula. While the storm has passed, we should all remember to stay aware and be prepared for future storms that might threaten our state.

This storm, thankfully, wasn't a major hurricane. However, it is a good reminder for everyone to take stock of emergency plans and supplies. Identify evacuation routes, know whether you live in a flood zone, obtain enough water and canned food to last at least three days and learn how to properly prepare your home against strong winds.

My 2021 Hurricane Preparedness Guide is available for Floridians to learn more about preparing their homes and families for potential storm strikes. It is available to download for free in English and Spanish. To download the guide, click <u>here</u>.

Also, remember that during a declared state of emergency you can report price gouging by using the free No Scam price gouging reporting app or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM. Our rapid response team received less than 10 price gouging reports during Elsa but they are always standing by to help consumers fight price gouging during storm emergencies.

The time to prepare for future storms is now—there is still a long hurricane season ahead of us. Stay safe, Florida.

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Attorney General Moody Activates Price Gouging Hotline in Preparation for Tropical Storm Elsa



Attorney General Ashley Moody expanded Florida's Price Gouging Hotline as Tropical Storm Elsa moves closer to Florida. The activation follows Governor Ron DeSantis's state of emergency declaration covering Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota counties. The Price Gouging Hotline is now active to receive reports of extreme price increases on essential commodities needed to prepare for the storm. Florida's price gouging law only applies to commodities and services essential to preparing for or recovering from a storm within the areas of a declared state of emergency.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is important that Floridians keep an eye on Tropical Storm Elsa and make preparations now should the storm impact our state. I have activated the Price Gouging Hotline to help Floridians purchasing essential commodities and ask that anyone who sees outrageous price increases on essential items please report it to our office immediately."

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CONSUMER ALERT: Deadline Approaching for Keurig K-Cup Purchasers to File Claim for Refund



Attorney General Ashley Moody is reminding Floridians that the deadline for eligible Keurig K-Cup purchasers to file a claim is fast approaching. Last month, Attorney General Moody secured a larger share of the \$31 million fund for Florida consumers as part of the class-action settlement in the case In re Keurig Green Mountain Single Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation. Consumers who bought Keurig K-Cup Portion Packs from a supplier other than Keurig may be entitled to payment from the settlement. The deadline to submit a claim is July 15.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I'm committed to looking out for consumers and ensuring that Floridians get a fair shake in these nationwide settlements. Now, consumers in Florida will receive the same share of this national class-action settlement as consumers in other states due to legal action by my office. The deadline for consumers to claim a refund is quickly approaching, and I encourage all eligible purchasers of Keurig K-Cups to file a claim today." <u>Read More</u>

Attorney General Moody Sues Google for Antitrust Violations Over App Store



Attorney General Ashley Moody is suing Google for illegally and unfairly maintaining a monopoly on the app store for Android devices. Google allegedly uses exclusionary conduct relating to the Google Play Store for Android mobile devices and Google Billing. This antitrust lawsuit is the newest legal action against the tech giant, claiming anticompetitive, illegal and unfair business practices. The suit accuses Google of using its dominance to unfairly restrict competition with the Google Play Store, harming consumers by limiting choice and driving up app prices. Attorney General Moody joins a coalition of 37 attorneys general in filing the lawsuit.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Time and time again, we have seen Google use its power in the tech industry to unscrupulously exploit the marketplace. Google's manipulation of app distribution on Android devices forces consumers into using Google's services to purchase apps—resulting in a 30% commission charge on in-app payments.

"The tech giant's monopoly on Android app purchases significantly hinders other inapp payment processors from entering the marketplace, leaving consumers with no other options when seeking to download apps. We will not allow Google to continue to monopolize an entire sector—eliminating competition and harming consumers." <u>Read More</u>

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