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Here's how you know

DisasterAssistance.gov (/)

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What to Expect When You Apply Online



1. Disaster is Declared

After a major disaster, the President may declare Individual Assistance for certain damaged areas in a state. If you live in one of these areas, you may qualify to apply

START THE APPLICATION PROCESS



2. Find Out If You Can Apply

Click **Let's Get Started** on the Home page and we'll ask you a few questions to find out if you can apply.



3. Create an Account on Login.gov

You need to create an account so you can do a few things:

Save your application to finish later, get your status and respond to messages, and upload documents.



4. Gather Your Personal Information

You'll need to have as much of the following info ready as you can:

Home, mailing, and email addresses; phone number; Social Security number (SSN); banking and insurance info.



5. Fill Out the Application



Enter as much detail as you can. You can go back to your account later to enter anything you don't have handy now.



6. Review and Send Your Application

Check what you've entered, make changes if you need to, and send your application to FEMA. Remember to save and keep your **Application ID**. You'll need it anytime you talk with FEMA.

AFTER YOU APPLY



7. FEMA Reviews Your Application

If FEMA can't qualify you based on your application alone, we may request more info or to inspect your home.



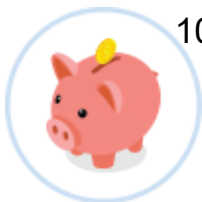
8. Check Your Email

FEMA will email you when you have messages in your account.



9. Check Your Status

You can sign in to your account at any time to check the status of your application.



10. Get Payment

If you qualify, FEMA will send a payment using the method you choose. You can get a direct deposit or a check by mail.

If you have more questions, check out our [Frequently Asked Questions \(/help/faqs\)](/help/faqs) page.

Find out if you can apply