

# Critical Needs Assistance for Hurricane Idalia

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FEMA may provide financial assistance to Hurricane Idalia applicants who have immediate or critical needs because they are displaced from their primary dwelling.

Immediate or critical needs are lifesaving and life-sustaining items, including water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation.

Critical Needs Assistance is a one-time \$700 payment per household.

Applicants may be eligible for Critical Needs Assistance if they:

- Complete a FEMA application
- Provide identity verification
- Note in their application they have critical needs and request financial assistance
- Have a pre-disaster primary residence located in an area designated for Critical Needs Assistance. In Florida, that includes residents of [Citrus](#), [Columbia](#), [Dixie](#), [Gilchrist](#), [Hamilton](#), [Hernando](#), [Jefferson](#), [Lafayette](#), [Levy](#), [Madison](#), [Pasco](#), [Pinellas](#), [Suwannee](#) and [Taylor](#) counties.
- Survivors who apply with FEMA may also be eligible for additional forms of federal assistance beyond Clean and Sanitize Assistance.

## How to Apply for FEMA Assistance

There are several ways to apply: Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), download the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices, or call toll-free 800-621-3362. The line is open every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages. To view an accessible video on how to apply visit [Three Ways to Register for FEMA](#)



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## **Additional Resources**

[Download the Critical Needs VS Individual Assistance Flyer](#)



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