

# How to Appeal FEMA's Decision after Hurricane Idalia

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If you receive a letter from FEMA and you disagree with FEMA's decision about your eligibility, you can appeal the decision. FEMA might need more information to continue processing your application.

## The Appeal Process

You may submit a signed letter explaining why you disagree with FEMA's decision and providing additional information or documents supporting your appeal. The appeal must be submitted within 60 days of the date on the eligibility letter. Please include the following:

- Applicant's full name, pre-disaster primary address, current address and current phone number
- Applicant's 9-digit FEMA application number, found at the top of the determination letter (on every page)
- FEMA disaster declaration number DR 4734 (on every page)
- Applicant's signature and the date
- Additional documentation to support your appeal (verifiable contractor's estimate, insurance paperwork, any additional documents FEMA requested in the eligibility letter)

If you choose to have a third party submit an appeal letter on your behalf, the letter must be signed by the third party. Additionally, please include a statement signed by you authorizing the third party to appeal on your behalf.

Send your letter:

**By mail to:** FEMA, P. O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

Appeal letters and supporting documentation also can be uploaded **to** your account on [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov), click "Check Status" on the home page and



follow the instructions, or **fax to** 800-827-8112 Attn: FEMA.

You may also visit your nearest Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and submit your appeal. For information on open DRCs, and DRC hours you can visit our DRC Locator page at: [DRC Locator \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov/drc-locator) Search by state and select Florida.

If you have any questions about the appeals process or need assistance you can call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

