

FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Other Benefits

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Applying for disaster assistance will not affect other federal benefits you may receive. If you sustained loss from the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides that occurred on April 2, and you live in Boyd, Carter, Fayette, Greenup, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Mason, Oldham, Union and Whitley counties, don't hesitate to apply for FEMA assistance.

Accepting FEMA funds will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or other federal benefit programs. Also, FEMA assistance is not taxable.

Disaster funds help survivors pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, essential personal property replacement, and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources.

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance

There are several ways to apply:

- Visit a Disaster Recover Center. To find a center close to you, go online to: [DRC Locator](#), or text DRC along with your Zip Code to 43362 (Ex: DRC 40019)
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages. The Helpline is available daily from **7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET**.
- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](#) (also in Spanish).
- Download the FEMA [mobile app](#).

For the latest information on Kentucky's recovery from the April 2 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides, please visit [fema.gov/disaster/4782](#). Follow FEMA on X, formerly called Twitter, at [twitter.com/femaregion4](#) and at [facebook.com/fema](#).

