

# One Week Remains for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses in Florida to Apply for Disaster Assistance

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Just one week remains for Florida homeowners, renters or business owners who sustained property damage or loss caused by Hurricane Irma to register and apply for federal disaster assistance.

The deadline to register for assistance from FEMA and to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is Friday, Nov. 24, 2017.

You should register even if you have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but eligible homeowners and renters may be able to receive money from FEMA for losses not covered by insurance to help pay for basic home repairs, temporary rental assistance and other needs such as replacing personal property. FEMA Individual Assistance is grant money that does not have to be repaid.

If you are uninsured or underinsured you may be eligible to recover the costs of necessary and serious disaster-related expenses through a FEMA program called Other Needs Assistance. The program provides financial assistance for:

- Personal property loss;
- Medical, dental and funeral expenses;
- Transportation repairs/replacement;
- New child care expenses or an increased burden of such expenses;
- Miscellaneous expenses such as dehumidifiers and chainsaws.

You may register in one of the following ways:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).



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- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 for voice, 711 and Video Relay Service (VRS). If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585. Help is available in many languages. Helpline numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EST, seven days a week.
- Information is available in ASL at: [fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/videos/111546](https://fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/videos/111546).
- Download the FEMA Mobile App and apply.

You may also visit a Disaster Recovery Center. A list of DRCs is available on the FEMA Mobile App, online at [fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers](https://fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers) or by calling the FEMA Helpline.

FEMA specialists are in the DRCs to answer your questions about how to register for federal disaster assistance, explain what's happening with your application and give tips on how you can get help for damage your insurance does not cover.

After registering with FEMA, you may apply for an SBA low-interest disaster loan. Go online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. SBA representatives also are available at disaster recovery centers.

For more recovery information, visit [www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL](https://www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL), or follow us @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA's Facebook page.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage



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