

# What Kind of Assistance Can FEMA Provide to Broward County Flood Survivors?

---

**Release Date:** 5? 3, 2023

Floridians who were impacted by the April 12 – 14 severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in **Broward County** may be eligible for FEMA assistance for temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other eligible expenses.

## Lodging Expense Reimbursement

Under FEMA's Individuals and Households program, lodging expenses may be eligible for reimbursement if an applicant:

- Verifies occupancy in a primary residence within Broward County.
- Verifies that the primary residence is uninhabitable or inaccessible due to the storm.

## Rental Assistance for Temporary Housing

FEMA may be able to provide rent, including a security deposit, if the storm made your primary residence uninhabitable. The assistance may include essential utilities such as electricity and water.

## Major Repairs and Out-of-Pocket Expenses

FEMA's Individuals and Household Program assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household, not to restore your home and all your personal property items to a pre-storm condition.

- "Housing Assistance" covers repairs to structural parts of your home. This includes windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, utilities (electrical, plumbing and gas systems), and entrance ways. FEMA may also reimburse for repair or replacement of your



FEMA

furnace, well and septic system.

- “Other Needs Assistance” may provide reimbursement to homeowners and renters for such uninsured or underinsured, storm-related expenses as:
  - Medical and dental expenses; funeral and burial costs; repair, cleaning, or replacement of clothing; household furniture and appliances; specialized tools used in your occupation; educational materials and moving, storage and other necessary expenses related to the storm and flooding.
  - Your personally owned, disaster-damaged cars and trucks may also be eligible for repair or replacement by FEMA.
  - FEMA may be able to reimburse applicants who rented or purchased generators for their primary residence during a power disruption caused by the severe storms and flooding.

## Apply to FEMA

- To be eligible for FEMA’s Individual and Households Program, you must apply to FEMA. There are three ways to apply: 1) [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), 2) download the FEMA App for mobile devices, 3) call the FEMA Helpline toll-free 800-621-3362. The helpline is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance, go to, [FEMA Accessible: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance](#).

For the latest information on Florida’s recovery from the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding, visit [floridadisaster.org/info](https://floridadisaster.org/info) and [fema.gov/disaster/4709](https://fema.gov/disaster/4709). Follow FEMA on Twitter at [FEMA Region 4 \(@femaregion4\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/femaregion4) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).

