

# Don't Wait to Apply for FEMA Assistance in North Carolina

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**HICKORY, N.C.** – If you had uninsured losses from Tropical Storm Helene, don't wait any longer to apply for financial help from FEMA. The deadline for applications is Saturday, March 8.

FEMA may be able to help with temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs. Homeowners and renters in these counties can apply: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Forsyth, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Nash, Polk, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey counties, and members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

There are several ways to apply: Visit a Disaster Recovery Center, go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), use the [FEMA App](#), or call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other, give FEMA your number for that service. To find a Disaster Recovery Center, go online to [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc) or text [DRC](#) & your ZIP code to 43362.

To view an accessible video on how to apply visit [Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

