

Hamilton County Now Eligible for FEMA Assistance

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Homeowners, renters and business owners in Hamilton County may now apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses resulting from Hurricane Irma.

To be eligible for federal aid under FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program, storm damage and losses from the hurricane and flooding must have occurred as a result of Hurricane Irma, between September 4 and October 18, 2017.

Hamilton County residents or those who suffered losses in Hamilton County between September 4 and October 18, 2017, should register with FEMA as soon as possible. If you have already registered with FEMA, you do not have to register again. If you have phone and/or internet access, you may register:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov, or
- On the FEMA Mobile App, or by
- Calling 800-621-3362 (FEMA). Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585.
- The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week.
- Multilingual operators are available. Press 2 for Spanish and press 3 for other languages.

Assistance for eligible survivors can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, and for other serious disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses or funeral and burial costs.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may also be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and that do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.



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Hamilton County residents should contact their insurance company to file an insurance claim. FEMA

does not duplicate insurance payments. However, survivors may still receive help after their insurance claims have been settled.

For more information on Hurricane Irma and Florida recovery, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL,

@FEMARegion4 Twitter account, or the Florida Division of Emergency Management website.

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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 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 expenses.

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