

# FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Other Benefits

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FEMA assistance is not taxable. Applying for disaster assistance will not affect other federal benefits you may receive.

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

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.

If you live in Baxter, Benton, Boone, Fulton, Greene, Madison, Marion and Randolph counties and you had loss or damage from the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred May 24-27, FEMA may be able to help.

## Ways to Apply to FEMA

There are several ways to apply:

- Visit a Disaster Recover Center. To find a center close to you, go online to: [DRC Locator](#).
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages. The Helpline is available daily from **6 a.m. to 11 p.m. CT**.
- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)
- Download the FEMA [mobile app](#)

To view accessible video on how to apply visit [Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#). The deadline to apply is **Aug. 28, 2024**.

For the latest information visit [fema.gov/disaster/4788](https://fema.gov/disaster/4788). Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/FEMARegion6/](https://facebook.com/FEMARegion6/).



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