

# One Month Left to Apply for FEMA Assistance

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North Carolinians with disaster-related damage or loss from Tropical Storm Helene have one month to apply for federal assistance. **The application deadline is Jan. 7, 2025.**

This applies to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina and residents of the following counties:

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.

Homeowners and renters in these areas may be eligible for FEMA financial assistance for displacement, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other uninsured or underinsured disaster-caused expenses.

Disaster survivors who have not yet applied for FEMA assistance should apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), which is the quickest way to apply. Survivors can also apply using the [FEMA App](#) on mobile devices or call the FEMA Helpline toll-free at **800-621-3362**. The Helpline is open every day, and help is available in most languages. Those who use a relay service, captioned telephone or other service, should give the FEMA representative their number for that service. To view an accessible video on how to apply, visit [Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

Survivors can also visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to apply for assistance in-person. To find additional information on DRCs, visit, [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://FEMA.gov/DRC).

Applicants will be contacted by an inspector within 10 days after applying and will be sent a decision letter within 10 days after the inspector's call. Applicants have 60 days from the date of their decision letter to appeal if denied.



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