

FEMA Extends Application Deadline for South Carolinians Affected by Hurricane Helene

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – At the request of the state of South Carolina, homeowners and renters affected by Hurricane Helene in South Carolina now have until Jan. 28, 2025, to apply for assistance with FEMA.

With the extended deadline, FEMA still strongly urges survivors to apply as soon as possible. After the deadline of Jan. 28, you may still submit documents, update your contact information and stay in contact with FEMA regarding your application, but you must apply before the deadline.

FEMA assistance may include funds for temporary housing while you are unable to live in your home, such as rental assistance or reimbursement for hotel costs; funds to support the repair or replacement of your primary home, including privately-owned access routes, such as driveways, roads, or bridges; and funds for disaster-caused expenses, such as repair or replacement of personal property and vehicles, funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care and other miscellaneous items.

Also, farmers, farm employees, self-employed individuals and foresters may be eligible for assistance to replace disaster-damaged tools and equipment not covered by insurance when they can show these items are required by their employer.

How To Apply for FEMA Assistance

Homeowners and renters in Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union and York counties and the Catawba Indian Nation who were affected by Hurricane



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Helene are eligible to apply for FEMA assistance.

The quickest way to apply is to go online to DisasterAssistance.gov. You can also apply using the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices or by calling toll-free **800-621-3362**. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in many languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. For a video with American Sign Language, voiceover and open captions about how to apply for FEMA assistance, select [this link](#).

FEMA programs are accessible to survivors with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.



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