## **3 Weeks Left To Apply for FEMA** Assistance Following Hurricane Helene in South Carolina

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – If you have sustained damage or losses due to Hurricane Helene in South Carolina, it is important to act quickly, as the deadline to apply for federal assistance is approaching. While the deadline has been extended to Jan. 28, there are only three weeks remaining to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

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

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 can apply for federal assistance.

The quickest way to apply is to go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>. You can also visit a Disaster Recovery Center, or apply using the <u>FEMA App</u> for mobile devices or by calling toll-free **800-621-3362**. The telephone line is open every day, and the 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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