

How to Appeal a FEMA Decision

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FEMA's first determination may not be the final decision. Survivors have the right to appeal any FEMA decision or award amount.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal any FEMA decision or award amount by sending documents that show you qualify and need more help, like estimates for repairs, receipts, bills, etc. Each decision letter you receive from FEMA explains the reason you are ineligible and the types of documents that may help you appeal FEMA's decision or award type of assistance.

Supporting documents may include:

- Receipts;
- Bills;
- Repair estimates;
- Property titles or deeds; or
- Any other information that may support the reasons for the appeal.

Do I have to send any other documents?

No. Documentation or estimates supporting your claim are all that is required to appeal a FEMA decision. You can also fill out the Appeal Request Form included with your FEMA decision letter. Appeals must be submitted within 60 days of the date on the FEMA decision letter.

What should I include on documents I send to FEMA?

All documents you send to FEMA as part of your appeal should include your:



- Full name;
- Disaster Number; and
- FEMA Application Number written on all pages

Receipts, bills, and estimates must include the business name and contact information to help FEMA confirm the information.

How can I send documents?

- Upload documents to your disaster assistance account at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Mail to:
FEMA,
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055
- Fax to 1-800-827-8112 with Attention: FEMA – Individuals & Households Program
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). To find your nearest DRC, visit fema.gov/drc.

There's still time to apply for FEMA Assistance

Visit DisasterAssistance.gov, use the [FEMA App](#), or call **800-621-3362**. You may also visit a Disaster Recovery Center for in-person assistance. To find a local DRC, please visit the [DRC Locator](#). The registration deadline is **March 10, 2025**.

