

FEMA Assistance Available for Self-Employed Tornado Survivors

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FEMA assistance can help people who are self-employed, including farmers, ranch hands, artists, musicians, and mechanics.

Eligible Occupational Tools

FEMA can help replace tools and equipment required for self-employment, or not provided by an employer but required for employment. Eligible tools may include:

- Computers
- Equipment such as power tools, art materials, musical instruments, tractors, utility vehicles, lawnmowers and ladders
- Uniforms

You may be able to get reimbursed for these items if they were damaged by the disaster, you do not have another working item, and the loss was not covered by insurance.

Required Documents

To be eligible for self-employment assistance, apply for FEMA assistance. When you apply, include:

- Documentation that proves you're self-employed, such as a tax return
- Insurance documents for all potential coverages and benefits
- Itemized receipts or estimates for repairing or replacing the requested items
- A written statement that explains you need the items for self-employment

FEMA assistance is available for residents of Blaine, Caddo, Carter, Craig, Custer, Delaware, Hughes, Jackson, Johnston, Kay, Lincoln, Love, Mayes, McClain, Murray, Muskogee, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Washington and Washita counties.



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You may also be able to get help from the U.S. Small Business Administration or the U.S. Department of Agriculture – for more information, visit [Oklahoma Survivors Can Apply for an SBA Loan | FEMA.gov](#).

How to Apply

To apply for FEMA assistance:

- Go online to? [DisasterAssistance.gov](#).
- Download the [FEMA App](#).
- Call 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages; if you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center – for locations and hours, visit [fema.gov/drc](#).

For the latest information, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4776](#) or [fema.gov/disaster/4791](#). Follow our social media accounts at [x.com/FEMARegion6](#) or [facebook.com/FEMARegion6/](#).

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