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News Release

One Month Left to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Homeowners and renters in Marion and Ohio counties have until **Monday, Sept. 22**, to apply for federal disaster assistance if you had damage or losses from the June 14-15 storms.

By law, FEMA cannot pay for losses covered by your insurance. That's why disaster survivors should file insurance claims for damage to their primary homes, personal property and vehicles before applying for FEMA assistance.

FEMA Assistance can help cover uninsured losses. FEMA Assistance is grant money that does not need to be paid back. Assistance can help cover home repairs, rental assistance, personal property losses and other expenses related to storm damage.

The fastest way to apply to FEMA is online at DisasterAssistance.gov. Another option is to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to receive in-person assistance. To find one close to you, visit FEMA.gov/DRC.

You can also call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. If you use a relay service, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

When you apply for FEMA assistance, you will be asked to provide:

- A description of the damage
- Your contact information including your current phone number, 911 address where you can currently be reached, and email address
- Your 911 address at the time of disaster
- Your Social Security number
- If you have insurance, your policy number, agent or company
- Your annual household income
- Your bank account information if you would like to receive direct deposit

- Your need for an accommodation because of a disability (sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, wheelchair, text message to communicate, etc.)

To view an accessible video, review [What You Need to Know Before Applying for FEMA Assistance](#).

In addition to FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low-interest disaster loans for individuals and businesses. The last day to apply for an SBA physical disaster loan is Sept. 22, the same as the FEMA deadline. To apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration or to download an application, go to [SBA.gov/disaster](#). You may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

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For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [emd.wv.gov](#), [West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page](#), [www.fema.gov/disaster/4884](#), and [www.facebook.com/FEMA](#).

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