



**State of West Virginia
Emergency Management Division**

**2001 Union Carbide Drive,
Building 2000 Box 1P
South Charleston, WV 25303
(304) 558-5380 / Fax: (304) 766-2605**

**Dr. Matt Blackwood
Director**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE: August 25, 2026

CONTACT: Ally Stout, *WVEMD Public Information Officer*

EMAIL: ally.stout@wv.gov

West Virginia Requests Additional 'Clean and Sanitize' Assistance from FEMA

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — As disaster recovery continues in North Central West Virginia, additional federal assistance has been requested by the State of West Virginia. Clean and Sanitize Assistance is a supplemental program under the Individuals and Households Program of FEMA's Individual Assistance Program.

Individual Assistance has been approved for Lewis, Pleasants, Ritchie, and Upshur counties following severe storms and flooding July 21-22, 2026. Clean and Sanitize Assistance, if approved, could provide a one-time payment to eligible individuals and households for cleaning supplies and sanitation necessities.

Who could be eligible for Clean and Sanitize?

Individuals and households eligible for federal assistance in Lewis, Pleasants, Ritchie and Upshur counties.

How much is Clean and Sanitize?

Eligible individuals would receive a one-time \$300 payment to assist in purchasing cleaning and sanitization supplies.

At this time, the state's request for Clean and Sanitize is under review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Individuals and households eligible for disaster assistance are encouraged to apply for federal assistance following July's severe weather. Eligible applicants are able to apply for aid at DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362, or by visiting a Disaster Recovery Center. The deadline for applicants to apply for Individual Assistance is October 3, 2026.

For more information regarding disaster recovery, Individual Assistance (IA) or Clean and Sanitize you are able to contact the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) at emd.wv.gov or by calling 304-558-5380.

###