

Available Assistance

Housing:

Funds may be available for rental assistance and to help repair or rebuild your home.

Personal Property:

Potential assistance for lost or damaged furniture, appliances, medical needs and more that resulted from the disaster.

Funding to cover subsistence items:

These items can include tools and equipment such as fishing gear, ATVs, snow mobiles and more.

FEMA is not Insurance

If you have insurance, government assistance may help pay for essential needs not covered by your policy. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits from insurance or other agencies. ***FEMA assistance is designed to help restore damaged property to safe, sanitary and livable conditions.***

SBA Process

Some applicants may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to apply for a disaster loan. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for businesses, nonprofits, homeowners and renters may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources. **If you are approved, you are not required to take out a loan, but failure to fill out the application may prevent you from receiving FEMA funding assistance for personal property.**

Applicants may apply online at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**.

FEMA is committed to providing equal access to our programs and services without discrimination. If you require a reasonable accommodation, call or text 907-727-6221 or email FEMA-language-access-request@fema.dhs.gov. You can also let staff in the field know you require an accommodation such as spoken language resources, mobility assistance, or sign language interpreting services. If you feel you have experienced discrimination, call the FEMA Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448 or 800-462-7585 (TTY/TDD) or email FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov.



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How to Apply to FEMA

Call

the Alaska-specific toll-free application number: **1-866-342-1699** or

register online

at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>.

You will be given an application number

Write this number down as you may need to refer to it in the future to help locate your file in the system.

You may need to provide a few items to move your application forward

You must provide proof of occupancy, such as a lease, bank statement, utility bill, voter registration card or official letter from a Tribal Community leader. You should also be prepared to provide a Federal, State, Territorial, or Tribal government photo identification.

A FEMA inspector will contact you

to arrange a visit to your damaged home. If registering with a specialist in the field, they will follow you to your residence to perform inspections.

Inspector Visits

When an inspector visits your property, you will be asked to sign a document

saying that you or someone in your household is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien at the time of the disaster.

You will need to present federal, state, tribal or territorial government photo identification.

Know that inspectors have official identification badges

and **NEVER** ask for money for their services.



How Do You Know You're Eligible for FEMA assistance?

If you are eligible, you will receive a check in the mail or direct deposit and a separate letter explaining the assistance within four to six weeks.

If you receive a letter saying that you are not eligible for any funding, **be sure to read it carefully**. Becoming eligible may be an easy fix, such as providing information that was missing on your application.

FEMA Appeal Process:

If you don't agree with assistance received, you can file an appeal by calling the hotline number, **1-866-342-1699** or by going to disasterassistance.gov.

The State of Alaska also provides an Individual Assistance program to those affected by disaster

FEMA is coordinating closely with state officials to make sure survivors applying for state disaster assistance programs are referred to FEMA's application process.

Survivors can apply for state assistance online at ready.alaska.gov/IA or by calling the Disaster Assistance Hotline at

1-844-445-7131.