

# Lodging Expense Reimbursement

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New Jersey residents in Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union and Warren counties who incurred expenses for short-term lodging because of Hurricane Ida, you may be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA.

## What is Lodging Expense Reimbursement (LER)?

FEMA may be able to provide reimbursement to eligible disaster survivors for out-of-pocket lodging expenses that are not covered by insurance benefits such as additional living expenses or loss of use. To be considered for LER your pre-disaster primary residence must be unlivable, inaccessible or affected by an extended disaster-caused utility outage.

You may be considered for LER from FEMA if you have not received lodging assistance from any other source (e.g., voluntary organization) for the same dates the applicant is requesting LER.

By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits of insurance. Insurance policies may include Additional Living Expenses or Loss of Use coverage, which is a benefit that provides supplemental money to cover increased costs, including temporary housing, when you are unable to live in your home due to a loss covered by insurance.

## How Do I Get Reimbursed?

To be considered for LER, eligible applicants must submit verifiable lodging receipts or itemized statements with the following information: The name of the applicant or co-applicant, information for the lodging provider (name, address and phone number), dates of occupancy and the amount of expenses incurred.

Applicants can upload their receipts online to their [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) account. Include the following information on **all** documents: Your name; last four



digits of your social security number; your nine-digit FEMA applicant number; and the FEMA disaster number DR-4614-NJ.

To upload documents or create an online account follow these steps:

1. Visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)
2. Login or create your online account
3. Select the correspondence tab
4. Select upload center
5. Follow the online instructions

Survivors can also submit through standard mail at: **P.O. Box 10055 Attn: FEMA Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055**; or Fax documents to **(800) 827-8112** (Cover sheet required).

## Haven't Registered With FEMA?

If you are uninsured or underinsured, and still have unmet disaster-related needs, you may be eligible for federal assistance. The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).

If you are unable to apply online, you can apply via the [FEMA app](#) or call **800-621-3362** (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines are currently operating 24 hours per day, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

