

Free Legal Assistance for North Carolina Disaster Survivors

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Free legal assistance is available to survivors in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties who were affected by Tropical Storm Fred.

Survivors facing disaster-related issues who cannot afford an attorney may call the Disaster Legal Aid hotline at 866-219-5262. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended hours on Monday and Thursday are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Apply for help online at www.legalaidnc.org/get-help/self-help-library/disaster-relief

The service is operated by [Legal Aid of North Carolina](http://www.legalaidnc.org), a statewide, nonprofit organization that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people.

Legal Aid may be able to help survivors in the following ways:

- [Clarify home ownership/heir property](#)
- [Assist with benefits applications and appeals](#) processes
- [Support victims of fraudulent contractors or assist with landlord](#) disputes
- [Provide insurance policy assistance](#)
- [Assist community groups that support long-term recovery](#)

For more information about Tropical Storm Fred recovery in North Carolina, visit fema.gov/disaster/4617. Follow us on Twitter: [@NCEmergency](https://twitter.com/NCEmergency) and [@FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4).

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