

# Applying for FEMA Assistance if Your Home is a Boat

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If a boat was your primary residence before and during Hurricane Idalia making landfall in Florida – and the boat sustained hurricane damage - FEMA may be able to help. Survivors living in one of the counties designated for federal assistance are encouraged to apply.

- The designated counties are Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, and Taylor.
- Living on a boat is a unique situation, but you may qualify for FEMA assistance.
- If the boat was not located on private property, you will need to provide the physical and complete address of the dock or marina and the slip or mooring number.
- If you don't provide a slip or mooring number, it may result in your application becoming attached to another boat or boats at the same address. This will cause delays in processing your application.
- You cannot use a P.O. Box as your primary address, but you can use it as a mailing address.

To apply for FEMA assistance, go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), use the [FEMA app](#) for smartphones, visit a Disaster Recovery Center ([DRC Locator \(fema.gov\)](#)) or call 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET seven days a week.

