

Get FEMA Disaster Assistance; Less Than a Month Left to Apply

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If you live in **Lincoln, Otero, Rio Arriba, San Juan Counties** or the **Mescalero Apache Reservation** and your home suffered damage from flooding or the South Fork and Salt Fires that began June 17, you may be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance from FEMA. But don't wait! **Aug. 19, 2024, is the last day to apply.**

FEMA grants do not have to be repaid, they are nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

How to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

The first step to receive financial help is to apply to FEMA for federal assistance. There are no costs involved to apply for, or receive, FEMA assistance. There are four ways to apply:

1. Go online to disasterassistance.gov/
2. Download the [FEMA App](https://fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products) for mobile devices at fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products
3. Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. MT. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
4. Visit a Disaster Recovery Center operated by the state of New Mexico and FEMA. For location and hours, visit fema.gov/drc

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance, visit [youtube.com/watch= WZGpWI2RCNw](https://youtube.com/watch=WZGpWI2RCNw).



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