## FEMA Specialists in North Carolina Communities After Tropical Storm Helene

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**ATLANTA -** FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance crews are in impacted North Carolina neighborhoods helping people apply for FEMA assistance after Tropical Storm Helene.

Disaster Survivor Assistance teams wear FEMA attire and have federal photo identification badges. The teams go door to door in impacted neighborhoods to help people apply for federal assistance, check the status of an application, identify potential needs and make connections with organizations that can provide resources. Disaster Survivor Assistance crews never ask for, or accept, money.

As of Oct. 1, more than 20,000 North Carolinians have applied for assistance with over \$1 million being dispersed to survivors directly.

## **How to Apply**

Homeowners and renters in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties and tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians can apply in several ways: Go online to <a href="DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a>, use the <a href="FEMA App">FEMA App</a>, or call **800-621-3362** any day of the week. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to <a href="FEMA Accessible: Applying">FEMA Accessible: Applying for Individual Assistance - YouTube.</a>

For the latest information about North Carolina's recovery, visit <a href="mailto:fema.gov/disaster/4827">fema.gov/disaster/4827</a>. Follow FEMA on X at <a href="mailto:x.com/femaregion4">x.com/femaregion4</a> or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.



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