

# Types of Disaster Assistance Available

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A major presidential disaster declaration was approved after the **March 14-21** wildfires and straight-line winds in Oklahoma. It authorizes FEMA to provide assistance to **Cleveland, Creek, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Pawnee and Payne** counties. Here are the various types of assistance that will benefit individuals and households.

FEMA's Individual Assistance program directly helps disaster survivors with uninsured or underinsured basic critical needs during their recovery from a disaster. FEMA cannot provide financial assistance when any other source -- insurance or financial assistance from voluntary agencies -- has provided assistance for the same disaster-related need.

Under Individual Assistance, FEMA provides several types of financial and direct assistance to eligible individuals and families. These may include, but are not limited to:

## Housing Assistance

- **Rental Assistance** to rent alternate housing while an applicant is displaced from a disaster-damaged primary residence. Rental Assistance and Continued Temporary Housing Assistance may be used to rent a house, apartment, manufactured home, recreational vehicle, or efficiency unit at a hotel or motel while your damaged residence is being repaired.
- **Lodging Expense Reimbursement** for hotels, motels or other short-term lodging while an applicant is displaced from a disaster-damaged primary residence.
- **Home Repair Assistance** to help restore an owner-occupied, disaster-damaged primary residence to a safe and sanitary condition.
- **Replacement Assistance** to help homeowners replace an owner-occupied primary residence when it is destroyed by a disaster.



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## Other Needs Assistance

- **Displacement:** Helps with housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster.
- **Serious Needs Assistance:** An upfront, flexible “per household” payment for essential items such as food, water, baby formula, breast-feeding supplies, medicine and other serious disaster-related needs. Note: This is not a reimbursement for loss of power or replacing food. It is intended for emergency needs only.
- **Childcare:** Assistance for childcare expenses or an increase in childcare expenses caused by a disaster.
- **Medical/Dental:** Assistance to help to cover expenses related to disaster-caused injuries or illnesses.
- **Personal Property:** Help to repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged in the disaster.
- **Transportation:** Assistance to repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don’t have another vehicle to use.
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Assistance that may help pay for specific items that were purchased or rented after the disaster to help you recover. For example, a chainsaw to help clear fallen trees that prevent safe access to your home.
- **Moving and Storage:** Assistance moving and storing personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.

Learn more about FEMA’s Individual Assistance program at [fema.gov/assistance/individual](https://fema.gov/assistance/individual).

If you were affected by the Oklahoma wildfires, you are encouraged to apply for federal disaster assistance. The last day to apply is **Tuesday, July 22**.

There are several ways to apply. You may go to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov); download the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices; or call the **FEMA Helpline** at **800-621-3362** between **6 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT**. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, captioned telephone or other service, you can give FEMA your number for that service.



For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance, go to [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

For the latest information about Oklahoma's recovery, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4866](https://fema.gov/disaster/4866). Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at [x.com/FEMARegion6](https://x.com/FEMARegion6) and at [facebook.com/FEMARegion6/](https://facebook.com/FEMARegion6/).

