

# Baker, Citrus, Hillsborough, Pinellas Counties Eligible for FEMA Assistance After Hurricane Debby

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** -- Homeowners and renters in Baker, Citrus, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties who had uninsured damage or losses caused by Hurricane Debby can apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

If residents applied for FEMA assistance before Sept. 13, their application will automatically become active. Do not reapply. Instead, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 to find out whether FEMA needs additional information. Those who applied before Sept. 13 may be contacted by FEMA to schedule a home inspection. These calls or texts may come from unfamiliar, unidentified or out-of-state phone numbers; it is important that applicants respond so their application can be processed.

FEMA may be able to help with serious needs, displacement, temporary lodging, basic home repair costs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs. Previously, Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Sarasota, Suwannee and Taylor counties were authorized for assistance to households.

The quickest way to apply is to go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov). You can also apply using the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices or calling toll-free **800-621-3362**. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

To view an accessible video on how to apply visit [Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#). The deadline for applications is Oct. 9, 2024.

## What You'll Need When You Apply



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- A current phone number where you can be contacted.
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.
- Your Social Security number.
- A general list of damage and losses.
- Banking information if you choose direct deposit.
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.

If you have homeowners, renters or flood insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If your policy does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

For the latest information about Florida's recovery, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4806](https://fema.gov/disaster/4806). Follow FEMA on X at [x.com/femaregion4](https://x.com/femaregion4) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).

