

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Georgia

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of Georgia to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by Tropical Storm Debby from Aug. 4–20, 2024.??

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Bryan, Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Long and Screven counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.??

Federal funding is also available to state, eligible local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities in Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Effingham, Evans, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Lanier, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Ware and Wayne counties.??

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.??

Kevin A. Wallace Sr. has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of damage assessments.??

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621- 3362 or by using the [FEMA App](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

