

Napa County Residents May Register for Disaster Assistance

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SACRAMENTO - Residents of **Napa County** who suffered damage or losses from the devastating fires that began October 8, 2017 and continue to burn, can now register for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), if they are able to do so.

The amendment to the presidential disaster declaration of October 10, 2017 now makes federal assistance available to eligible individuals and business owners in **Napa** in addition to **Sonoma** County. Damage assessments are continuing in other areas, and more counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated.

Survivors who primarily reside in Napa and Sonoma counties can apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by phone at **800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585**. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may call 800-621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open **7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week**.

Applicants will be asked for the following information:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged **primary** residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Disaster assistance for homeowners and renters may include grants to help pay for:

- Temporary housing
- Essential home repairs



- Uninsured and underinsured personal property losses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available for businesses of all sizes (including landlords), private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters. Disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries.

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

Registering with FEMA is required for federal aid, even if a survivor has registered with another disaster-relief organization, such as the American Red Cross.

Survivors should register even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled.

The amendment also adds **Orange** and **Solano** counties for Categories A and B and direct federal assistance under the FEMA Public Assistance program. This program is available to the eligible state, local and tribal governments and certain private nonprofit organizations, on a cost-share basis, for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures taken to save lives and protect property (Category B). **Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Solano, Sonoma, and Yuba** counties are also eligible for Categories A and B and direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program.

For more information on California recovery, visit the disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4344, Twitter at <https://www.twitter.com/femaregion9> and the CalOES website, <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/>.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-



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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.



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