

# FEMA May Help with Recovery Expenses Already Paid

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**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** – Even if you have already begun repairing or replacing items that were damaged or destroyed during the severe storms and tornadoes of May 24-27, 2024, FEMA may be able to reimburse you for your expenses, if those expenses were not covered by insurance or other assistance. Be sure to save your receipts.

Residents in **Baxter, Benton, Boone, Fulton, Greene, Madison, Marion and Randolph** counties who had a home or personal property damaged or destroyed may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

FEMA can only approve home repairs that are necessary to restore the home to a habitable condition. The types of repairs or replacements that may be eligible for assistance include:

- **Appliances:** Includes standard household appliances, such as a refrigerator, washing machine, etc.
- **Clothing:** Essential clothing needed due to overall loss, damage, or contamination.
- **Room furnishings:** Standard furnishings found in a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and living room.
- **Essential Tools:** Tools and equipment required by an employer as a condition of employment and items required as a condition of an applicant's or household member's education.
- **Accessibility Items:** FEMA also provides assistance for damaged personal property items required for qualified applicants with disabilities.

Applicants must meet the following conditions to receive Personal Property Assistance:

- The item needs to be repaired or replaced due to disaster damage.



- The occupants of the household have an unmet disaster-related need for the damaged item. FEMA may not provide assistance if the applicant can meet that need with another similar item in their possession or available to the household.
- The item was owned and being used by occupants of the household.
  - FEMA does not provide assistance for furnishings and/or appliances provided by a landlord.
  - Items used by guests and relatives who were not members of the pre-disaster household are not eligible for assistance.

You do not have to visit a disaster recovery center to apply for FEMA disaster assistance. The quickest way to apply is by going online at [disasterassistance.gov/](https://disasterassistance.gov/).

Additional options to apply include:

- Download the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

For the latest information visit [fema.gov/disaster/4788](https://fema.gov/disaster/4788). Follow the FEMA Region 6 X account at [X.com/FEMARegion6](https://X.com/FEMARegion6) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/FEMARegion6](https://facebook.com/FEMARegion6).



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