

Returning Home

There's no place like home, especially when you're returning after having had to evacuate due to an emergency. But do you know what to do when you return and your home has potentially been damaged? Do you know who handles repairs and what actions to take to begin repairs? It's important to take action now, and learn what to expect and what actions are often required upon returning to a home damaged after a disaster.

To learn about what you need to do when coming home after a disaster, access FEMA's free, online training module "[Coming Home After a Disaster](#)" and learn about how to plan for recovery from a disaster. The training will help you achieve the following:

- Learn what kind of repairs homeowners may handle themselves;
- Learn to develop a recovery action plan;
- Learn how to develop your homeowners action checklist; and
- Learn how to assess and document damage.

This training module is part of FEMA's "[Preparedness Activities for Communities Everywhere](#)" tools, which educate individuals about relatively easy steps to take to become prepared for all types of hazards. The tools are designed for anyone to use in coordination with local emergency preparedness partners to help better prepare for emergencies.