

Texas TS Imelda Survivors Can Expect to See FEMA Teams Visiting Their Neighborhoods

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AUSTIN, Texas – Housing inspectors and Disaster Survivor Assistance teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have hit the streets in six Texas counties to help survivors of Tropical Storm Imelda get connected with potential assistance.

If you live in an affected area, you may encounter Disaster Survivor Assistance teams as they go door to door to answer questions about the types of help available, help survivors apply for federal assistance, update applicants' contact information and help with referrals to disaster recovery partners. Team members wear blue FEMA shirts.

Inspections occur after survivors register with FEMA. They are an essential part of the recovery process for survivors who need to make their homes livable again or have serious personal property loss. Homeowners and renters should make sure their contact information is up to date and have access to a telephone. You will need to have a photo ID and proof of ownership or a lease.

DSAT members and housing inspectors carry photo IDs. You should ask to see them.



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If you had uninsured and underinsured storm damage in Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange counties, you can also register for FEMA assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Applicants may also call 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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