

Preliminary Damage Assessments to Be Conducted in Pennsylvania

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At the request of Governor Tom Wolf, FEMA Region 3 will support the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in locally executed, state managed and federally supported Preliminary Assessments in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Governor Tom Wolf has requested that joint state and FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) for Individual Assistance (IA) be completed to evaluate damages related to Tropical Depression Ida that occurred this week in Pennsylvania.

The IA assessments are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, in Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Bucks County assessments will start as early as Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021.

These joint assessments are conducted in person, with close cooperation among state, local and federal agencies.

[Damage assessments](#) are the first step in helping the governor determine whether the scope of the damages is beyond what the state is capable of handling and if added federal assistance is needed. Additional assessments may be requested, by the state, as damage information is received from local officials.

The PDA is an information-gathering process. [It does not guarantee federal assistance.](#)

Once the information is gathered, the state uses it to determine whether to make an official request for federal assistance. Disaster recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed & federally supported.



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