FEMA Home Inspections

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FEMA is committed to providing as much assistance as possible to every eligible household that was impacted by the Nov. 13-15, 2021 flooding in Washington. Part of that process involves inspecting damaged homes.

Individual Assistance

The President's major disaster declaration makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Clallam, Skagit and Whatcom counties and the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe and Quileute Tribe.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Home Inspections

If you report that you cannot, or may not be able to, safely live in your home, FEMA may need to perform an inspection of the damaged dwelling.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA will conduct exterior inspections. An interior inspection is not mandatory but if the owner and the inspector agree, an interior inspection may be conducted.

If the applicant has technology that can assist in the viewing of damage inside the home, such as FaceTime or Zoom, the applicant may walk through the dwelling and demonstrate the damage without the inspector entering the dwelling.

An inspector will make an appointment with an applicant for the inspection. An inspector will never show up without an appointment.

There is no charge for this inspection, or for any other FEMA service.

If any applicant has a question about the inspection process, we ask them to call our Helpline at 800-621-3362.

