Disaster Recovery Update for Tennessee

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FEMA has provided assistance for several disaster declarations in Tennessee in the last several months, including for a tornado outbreak that occurred Dec. 10-11, 2021, in middle and west Tennessee and severe storms and flooding that took place in middle Tennessee on Aug. 21, 2021. FEMA is also providing assistance for damaged infrastructure and emergency protective measures for a severe winter storm in west Tennessee on Feb. 3-4, 2022.

Disaster Assistance for Tornado Outbreak on Dec. 10-11, 2021.

- The deadline for survivors to apply for FEMA assistance for this declaration was March 15, 2022. However, applicants can still contact the FEMA Helpline number at 800-621-3362 for information and follow-up questions. Call between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, update the “Current Phone” field using the relay service phone number. Add “Relay Service” to the Note box; provide FEMA with your number.

- Survivors can also check the status of their FEMA applications online at DisasterAssistance.gov. This is the fastest way to receive and send information to FEMA.

- As of March 30, 2022, the following Individual Assistance has been distributed to affected residents in the designated counties of Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Gibson, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Stewart, Sumner, Weakley and Wilson.
  - Individuals and Households Program: $1.2 million
    - Housing Assistance: $951,000
    - Other Needs Assistance: $208,000
Low-interest loans from the U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) to homeowners, renters and small businesses: $6 million

FEMA Public Assistance specialists are currently working with state and local officials to determine reimbursement amounts for infrastructure repair, emergency protective measures and debris removal in the designated counties mentioned above with the exception of Wilson. In addition, Decatur and Dyer counties are eligible for Public Assistance.

**Every Survivor has the Right to Appeal.** You have 60 days from the date of your FEMA determination letter to appeal. Survivors with questions about appealing can call the FEMA Helpline. Appeals must be in writing, signed and dated. Include documents that support the reason for your appeal.

- Include your name, current address and phone number, pre-disaster primary residence, registration number (on every page) and FEMA disaster declaration number, which is DR-4637 for the tornadoes in middle and west Tennessee in December of 2021.
- Documents for appeals can also be uploaded online when you create your own account at DisasterAssistance.gov or faxed to 1-800-827-8112.
- To mail: FEMA’s Individuals and Households Program National Processing Service Center P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville MD 20782-7055.

Disaster Assistance for Severe Storms and Flooding on Aug. 21, 2021.

- As of March 30, 2022, the following Individual Assistance has been distributed to residents in the designated counties of Dickson, Hickman, Houston and Humphreys.
  - Individuals and Households Program: $8 million
    - Housing Assistance: $6.1 million
    - Other Needs Assistance: $1.8 million
  - Low-interest loans from the U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) to homeowners, renters and businesses: $13.1 million.
  - As of March 30, 2022, $6.7 million in Public Assistance has been obligated to help state and local governments pay for debris removal, emergency measures and infrastructure repair.
Disaster Assistance for Severe Winter Storm on Feb. 3-4, 2022.

- FEMA Public Assistance specialists are currently working with the state and local officials to determine reimbursement amounts for infrastructure repair, emergency protective measures and debris removal in the designated counties of Crockett, Fayette, Haywood, Lauderdale, Shelby, Tipton, and Weakley.

For more information on Tennessee’s disaster recovery, visit www.tn.gov/tema.html and www.fema.gov/. You may also follow FEMA on www.facebook.com/fema and Twitter @FEMARegion4.