

FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Social Security, Other Federal Benefits Tennesseans May Receive

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FEMA disaster assistance does not affect other federal benefits that Tennesseans may receive. Survivors who had uninsured damage to homes or property from the April 2-24 severe storms may apply.

Accepting FEMA money will not affect your eligibility for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and other federal programs. In addition, any assistance you receive from FEMA is not considered taxable income.

Residents in **Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Dyer, Hardeman, McNairy, Montgomery, Obion** and **Wilson** counties are eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance from the April 2-24 severe storms. The application **deadline is August 19**.

Disaster grants help you pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, essential personal property replacement and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources.

- **Housing Assistance** covers repairs to structural parts of your primary residence. This includes windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning systems (HVACs), utilities (electrical, plumbing and gas systems) and entrance/exit ways. FEMA may also reimburse you for repairing or replacing your furnace, well and septic system.
- **Other Needs Assistance** may reimburse both homeowners and renters for uninsured out-of-pocket expenses, such as:
 - Medical and dental expenses; funeral and burial costs; cleaning, or replacement of clothing, household furniture and appliances; specialized tools used for your occupation; childcare, educational materials, moving, storage and other necessary expenses related to the storms.



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- Your personally owned and registered disaster-damaged cars and trucks may also be eligible for repair or replacement by FEMA.

The first step to see if you are eligible for any federal assistance is to apply.

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance

Apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, use the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices or call the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362**. In-person help is available at any Disaster Recovery Center for submitting applications, getting updates and asking questions. Find a center here: [DRC Locator \(fema.gov\)](https://DRCLocator(fema.gov)).

Video: [What to Expect Before Applying for FEMA Assistance](#) | [ASL](#) | [Spanish](#)

Video: [Next Steps After Applying for FEMA Assistance](#) | [ASL](#) | [Spanish](#)

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are also available. To learn more or apply, visit sba.gov/disaster or call **800-659-2955**.

FEMA is committed to providing equal access to federal assistance for Tennesseans who were affected by the April 2-24 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. Anyone with an accessibility need who is applying for FEMA assistance should let FEMA know by calling the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362**.

