

# FEMA Update for Survivors

Mississippi Tornadoes

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## Keep Your Recovery Options Open

Many survivors who apply with FEMA are referred to the Small Business Administration for a low-interest disaster loan. Understandably, many are hesitant to take on debt. What they don't realize is that if they don't submit the application, they cannot be considered for additional grants. If you're approved for a loan, you don't have to accept it. And if you're not approved, you may be eligible for more help. Apply, see if you qualify, then consider your options.



## FEMA May Need More Information from You

Many applications for FEMA assistance aren't moving forward because they lack needed information and documentation. If you haven't heard from FEMA, you may need to provide more information. If you have insurance, FEMA will need the settlement information, because FEMA cannot duplicate insurance. If you received a letter about your eligibility, it should tell you what information and documents FEMA needs. To check on the status of your application, call **800-621-3362**, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), or visit a Disaster Recovery Center (see list on the right).

## Apply by May 25

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is **May 25, 2023**. If your primary residence (owned or rented) in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, Panola, Sharkey or Montgomery counties was damaged in the March tornadoes, you can apply for FEMA assistance by visiting a Disaster Recovery Center, by calling **800-621-3362**, or by going online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or using the [FEMA App](https://www.fema.gov/drc).



## Disaster Recovery Centers

**Humphreys County:** Humphreys County Library, 105 Hayden St., Belzoni, MS 39038

**Monroe County:** Monroe County Government Complex, 1619 Highway 25, Amory, MS 38821

**Montgomery County:** Montgomery County Coliseum, 200 Recreation Dr., Winona, MS 38967

**Panola County:** Mississippi State University Extension Center, 245 Eureka St. Suite C, Batesville, MS 38606

**Sharkey County:** Heritage Manor, 431 West Race St., Rolling Fork, MS 39159

### Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays

Closed Sundays

# Mississippi Applicants: HOW TO WRITE AN APPEAL

The appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on the award or denial letter from FEMA.

Name  
Current Mailing Address  
Phone #

Your FEMA Registration #  
FEMA Disaster Number

XXXX-XXXX-X  
DR-4697-MS

Dear FEMA,

On MM/DD/YYYY, I received a letter stating [describe the letter with which you disagree]. I am appealing your decision because [include detailed justification on why you believe you are eligible or should receive more funds]. I have attached the following supporting documentation [ensure you provide documentation supporting your appeal such as receipts, verifiable contractor estimates, or other supporting documentation].

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*Signature*

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Include This Statement  
\*This is not required but recommended

## 3 Ways To Submit Your Appeal

**Online** DisasterAssistance.gov (Upload to your account)

**By Fax** 800-827-8112 (Attention FEMA)

**By Mail** FEMA National Processing Service Center  
P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055



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