

# Vermont Recovery for July 29-31 Storms

## How to Apply for Disaster Assistance

If you have sustained damage or losses caused by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides between July 29-31, 2024, FEMA may be able to help you. You may be eligible for financial assistance for displacement, serious needs, temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other uninsured disaster-related expenses. **Please note, the deadline to apply for Individual Assistance is November 25, 2024.**

FEMA Individual Assistance programs resulting from the July 29-31 storms are only applicable to homeowners and renters in **Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans** counties. There are several ways to apply for FEMA assistance:

The quickest way to apply is to go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov). You can also apply using the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices or calling toll-free 800-621-3362. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service such as VRS, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. You can also visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and a FEMA representative will guide you through the application process. For more information on DRCs, visit [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc).

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<p>CALL</p>  <p>800-621-3362</p>	<p>IN PERSON</p>  <p>At one of our Disaster Recovery Centers <a href="https://fema.gov/drc">fema.gov/drc</a></p>



To view an accessible video on how to apply visit [FEMA Accessible: Registering for Individual Assistance \(youtube.com\)](#).

## New FEMA Benefits

- **Serious Needs Assistance:** A one-time \$750 payment per household to help pay for essential items, including water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation.
- **Displacement Assistance:** Money to help with immediate housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or for other options while you look for temporary housing.



## Understanding Your FEMA Letter

If you applied for FEMA assistance after the storms from July 29-31, you will receive an eligibility letter from FEMA in the mail or by email. The letter will explain your application status and how to respond. You may need to submit additional information or supporting documentation for FEMA to continue to process an application for financial assistance. If you have questions about your letter, or disagree with the initial decision, visit a [Disaster Recovery Center](#) or call the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362 to find out what information FEMA needs.

## Disaster Recovery Centers

- **Caledonia County:** Lyndonville Public Safety Facility, 316 Main St. Lyndon, VT 05851
- **Essex County:** Brighton Town Hall Gym, 49 Mill Street, Island Pond, VT 05846

You may also visit our other DRC locations that opened as a result of the July 9-11, 2024 storms:

- **Chittenden County:** Waterbury Armory, 294 Armory Blvd, Waterbury, VT 05676
- **Washington County:** Hinesburg Town Hall, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg VT 10191

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology equipment. If you need a reasonable accommodation or sign language interpreter, please call 1-833-285-7448 (press 2 for Spanish or press 3 for other languages).

## Low-Interest Disaster Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofit organizations to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and other sources. Apply online at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). Disaster loan information can also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or send an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

## Additional Resources

- Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to Vermont businesses and residents who lost their jobs because of the July 29-31 storms. Eligible residents may submit a claim at <https://labor.vermont.gov/dua>
- Farm operators in the impacted counties in Vermont may be eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans through the USDA Disaster Declaration. Go online to [www.farmers.gov/recover](https://www.farmers.gov/recover) for more information.
- For more local and state resources visit [Vermont Emergency Management](#)

## Be Alert to Fraud

FEMA personnel working in areas impacted by the July 29-31 storms carry official photo identification. FEMA representatives never charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections or help in filling out applications. Their services are free. Don't believe anyone who promises a disaster grant in return for payment. Don't give your banking information to a person claiming to be a FEMA housing inspector. [FEMA inspectors](#) are never authorized to collect your personal financial information. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, report it immediately to your local police or sheriff's department.

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*FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.*

*All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, or economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.*