

Sumter, SC has been approved by the federal government to receive Individual Emergency Assistance as a result of heavy rain and flooding that occurred in our area on October 1, 2015.

if you have experienced damages to your home, business or property AND they ARE NOT covered by any existing insurance you may have, you should apply to FEMA for Individual Assistance.

We encourage you to **DOCUMENT ALL DAMAGES AND/OR LOSSES** by taking photographs and making notes.

What is Individual Emergency Assistance?

Individual Emergency Assistance is a federal program that helps individuals recover from a major disaster where many people suffered loss. Assistance can include

- grants for temporary housing and home repairs
- emergency food vouchers
- low cost loans to cover uninsured property losses including personal property (clothing, furniture, appliances)
- other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the recent flooding

What do I need to have in order to apply for Individual Emergency Assistance?

Please have the following items available when you apply online or by phone:

- Your Social Security Number
- Types of insurance you currently have-homeowners, flood, automobile, mobile home insurance, etc.
- Damage information- notes, pictures, etc.
- Financial information- your family's total annual household income, before taxes, at the time of the disaster.
- Contact information- a phone number, email address and/or mailing address where FEMA can reach you.
- Direct Deposit information (optional)- If you are approved for assistance and want your funds deposited directly into your bank account, provide your banking information. This includes:
 - ❖ Bank name
 - ❖ Type of account (ex: checking, savings, etc.)
 - ❖ Routing number
 - ❖ Account number

How do I apply for Individual Emergency Assistance from FEMA?

- If you have internet access, please visit www.disasterassistance.gov and enter your address
- To apply by phone or if you have questions about the application or the help offered by FEMA:
 - ❖ 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
 - ❖ TTY 1-800-462-7585
 - ❖ 711 or VRS 1-800-621-3362

What if I need help filing my application for Individual Emergency Assistance?

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DISASTER SURVIVOR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Apply Online:

- Go to DisasterAssistance.gov on your computer or smartphone.
- You can quickly apply for many forms of assistance on one website.
- Update and check the status of your application online.

Apply by phone for FEMA assistance only:

- Call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362).
- People with speech and hearing disabilities can call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY).
- For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Before starting your application, you, your co-applicant or a minor in your home must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien. Please have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

Social Security Number

If you do not have a Social Security number, please Apply for a Social Security number, then visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 to complete your disaster application. Your household may still be able to receive assistance if there is a minor in the household who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien with a Social Security number.

Insurance Information

Describe the type(s) of insurance coverage you have, such as homeowners, flood, automobile, mobile home insurance, etc.

Damage Information

Describe your damages caused by the disaster, including the type of disaster (flood, hurricane, earthquake) and type of dwelling (mobile home, house) or vehicle (car, boat).

Financial Information

Provide your family's total annual household income, before taxes, at the time of the disaster.

Contact Information

Give FEMA the address and phone number where the damages happened and the address and phone number where you can be reached after the disaster.

Direct Deposit Information (optional)

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