WHAT to EXPECT after YOU APPLY for FEMA ASSISTANCE

A FEMA Inspector will call you and ask about your disaster damages – be sure to have your registration number available.

Applicants who self-reported minimal disaster damage and can live in their homes will not receive an inspection call. A letter will be mailed to explain options.

WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER APPLYING

DURING THE INSPECTION CALL

Inspectors will...
- Ask if the applicant is available to discuss their disaster damage or schedule a follow-up call.
- Ask questions about the type of home and extent of damage caused by the disaster.

Inspectors won’t...
- determine eligibility,
- cost any money,
- ask for credit card information,
- take the place of an insurance inspection.

BE READY TO...

Answer with your FEMA registration ID handy.
- The call will take 20-30 minutes.
- If you have insurance, contact your insurance agent.

WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE INSPECTOR’S CALL

You will be sent a decision letter.
- If eligible for assistance, you will receive a letter explaining your FEMA assistance amount and how it can be used.
- You will receive a U.S. Treasury Check or Direct Deposit.

LOAN APPLICATION INFO
- You may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration for a low-interest disaster loan.
- You do not have to accept a loan, but you must complete and return the application to remain eligible for other types of federal assistance, such as Personal Property Assistance or Vehicle Repair.

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