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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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<http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance>

**There are three ways to apply for assistance:**

- Apply Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov)
- Apply via a smartphone at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov)
- Apply by Phone:
  - Call (800) 621-3362.
  - Call TTY (800) 462-7585 for people with speech or hearing disabilities.

**Before You Apply**

- [What is disaster assistance?](#)
- [Do I qualify for assistance?](#)
- [What information do I need to apply?](#)
- [What items are covered by disaster assistance?](#)
- [What are my rights?](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Center Locator](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Right now, people can register with FEMA via the methods indicated on this website:

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This site is applicable for SBA loans also.

FEMA will provide additional information as it becomes available, DHSEM will ensure the most current information is provided to our municipal partners in a timely manner.

Addressees are requested to distribute the FEMA Disaster Assistance information widely.