FEMA Individual Assistance

Floridians who sustained loss from Hurricane Idalia and live in Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Pasco, Pinellas, Suwannee or Taylor counties may be eligible for FEMA grants for temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other eligible expenses.

Lodging Expense Reimbursement

Under FEMA's Individuals and Households program, lodging expenses may be eligible for reimbursement if an applicant:

- Verifies occupancy in a primary residence within a designated county.
- Verifies that the primary residence is uninhabitable or inaccessible due to Hurricane Idalia.

Rental Assistance for Temporary Housing

FEMA may be able to provide rent, including a security deposit, if your primary residence was made uninhabitable by the storm. The assistance includes essential utilities such as electricity and water.

Repairs and Out-of-Pocket Expenses

FEMA's Individuals and Household Program assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household, not to restore your home and all your personal property items to a pre-hurricane condition.

- Housing Assistance covers repairs to structural parts of your home. This includes windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, utilities (electrical, plumbing and gas systems), and entrance ways. FEMA may also reimburse for repair or replacement of your furnace, well or septic system.
- Other Needs Assistance may provide reimbursement to homeowners and renters for uninsured disaster-related expenses such as:
 - Medical and dental expenses; funeral and burial costs; repair, cleaning or replacement of clothing; household furniture and appliances; specialized tools used in your occupation; educational materials and moving, storage and other necessary expenses related to Hurricane Idalia
 - Personally owned cars and trucks damaged in the disaster
 - Reimbursement for a generator purchased for a primary residence during a power disruption caused by Hurricane Idalia



Apply to FEMA

Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, call 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time, or use the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service such as VRS, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is Oct. 30, 2023.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

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