

# FEMA EXPANDS OPTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS

**Now accepting additional forms of documentation to help prove that you own your home**

Why the update? To advance equity for disaster survivors, ensuring more underserved communities can access disaster assistance. When FEMA is not able to verify documentation, the two categories below are now available to prove ownership.

## Current Options

- Deed or title
- Mortgage document
- Homeowners insurance documentation
- Property tax receipt or tax bill
- Manufactured home certificate or title
- Home purchase contracts (e.g. Bill of Sale)
- Last will and testament (and death certificate) naming applicant heir to the property

## Expanded Options

- Documentation can now be dated within 1 year prior to the disaster or within the 18-month period of assistance
- Receipts for major repairs or maintenance dated within 5 years prior to the disaster
- Letter prepared after the disaster from a mobile home park owner or manager or public official that meet FEMA requirements

**If you have questions, please call: 1-800-621-3362 or visit: [fema.gov/after-applying](https://www.fema.gov/after-applying)**

**In rare occasions where FEMA cannot verify homeownership and survivors cannot provided documentation listed above, a caseworker will help survivors explore these last resort options:**

- Self-declarative statement from property heir that meet FEMA requirements
- Self-declarative statement from mobile home or travel trailer owner that meet FEMA requirements



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