

FEMA Individual Assistance Now Available for More Virginians

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BRISTOL, Va. — Residents of **Bedford, Bland, Carroll, Pittsylvania, Russell,** and **Wise** counties and the city of **Radford** are now eligible to apply for assistance from FEMA under the Individual Assistance Program. FEMA assistance can help with costs from damage and losses due to Tropical Storm Helene.

Residents of the city of **Galax**, as well as **Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington** and **Wythe** counties, remain eligible for assistance.

FEMA may be able to help you pay for essential items, temporary housing, home repairs and other needs due to the disaster, including:

- Essential items such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, medical supplies and equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation;
- Financial assistance to help pay for hotel stays, stays with family and friends, or other options while you look for a rental unit as well as rental assistance if you are displaced because of the disaster;
- Repair or replacement of a vehicle, appliances, room furnishings, personal or family computer;
- Books, uniforms, tools, computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment; and
- Moving and storage fees, medical expenses, childcare and funeral expenses.

For more information about the types of FEMA assistance available under the Individual Assistance Program, visit: fema.gov/ia.

You can **apply for disaster assistance today**:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- Through the [FEMA app](#)



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- By calling the [FEMA helpline](#) at 800-621-3362
- At a [Disaster Recovery Center](#).

To watch an accessible video about how to apply, visit [FEMA Accessible: Registering for Individual Assistance - YouTube](#).

FEMA has set up a rumor response webpage to clarify our role in the Helene response. Visit [Hurricane Helene: Rumor Response | FEMA.gov](#).

For more information on Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [vaemergency.gov](#), the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management Facebook page](#), [fema.gov/disaster/4831](#) and [facebook.com/FEMA](#).

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To apply for FEMA assistance, please call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362, visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>, or download and apply on the [FEMA App](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish and 3 for other languages). Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status.



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