



FEMA

Recovery Update 28 – Arkansas Severe Storms and Tornadoes

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Key Messages

- As of July 19, **3,571** applicants have been approved for disaster assistance through FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program. FEMA has approved more than **\$9.1 million** to help Arkansas residents in **Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski** counties recover from the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred March 31.
- The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance was **Monday, July 3**.

Public Assistance

- As of July 19, Public Assistance received **32** Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs)
- 11** projects have been obligated for more than **\$5.6 million**
- The 100% Cost Share ended May 10. The deadline to apply for PA was June 2.

Hazard Mitigation

Though the deadline to apply for FEMA assistance has passed, FEMA Mitigation specialists are available by phone, email and online to help those who want to learn more about building, rebuilding and repairing homes stronger and safer.

FEMA's Mitigation specialists can:

- Provide guidance about protecting against wind and flood damage, including low-cost retrofits that can be implemented during repairs.
- Explain the value, coverages and benefits of flood insurance for owners and renters.
- Provide tips on choosing contractors and elevating your home, appliances and utilities after a disaster.
- Help you turn your homeowner challenges into opportunities by making your home more resilient!

Survivors may call 833-FEMA-4-US (833-336-2487) to speak to a Hazard Mitigation outreach specialist, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All calls will be returned within one business day. If you prefer, you may email your questions to FEMA-ARMit@fema.dhs.gov.

Check Your Application Status

Residents can apply online at disasterassistance.gov, by calling **800-621-3362**, or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

Small Business Administration

- As of July 19, SBA has approved **361 loans approved for more than \$22.4 million**.
- Survivors can contact an SBA customer service representative via email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at **800-659-2955** for help applying. Survivors can also apply online at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call **800-877-8339**.
- The deadline to apply was July 3.

Arkansas Recovery Website

- Arkansas has launched helparkansas.com, a one-stop website for tornado recovery resources.
 - This website includes information on federal, state, local and charitable resources for tornado survivors, as well as volunteer and charity opportunities for Arkansans seeking to help.

Social Media

- [Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Facebook \(@AR_Emergencies\)](#)
- [Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Twitter \(@AR_Emergencies\)](#)
- [FEMA Region 6 Facebook \(@femaregion6\)](#)
- [FEMA Region 6 Twitter \(@femaregion6\)](#)

Major Disaster Declaration (April 2, 2023)

- Three Arkansas counties were designated for FEMA Individual Assistance: Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski.
- Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski Counties are also designated for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.
- On April 13, the Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-4698-DR-AR) was amended.
 - Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski Counties were approved for FEMA's Public Assistance Categories of work C-G.
- On Saturday, April 8, the Major Disaster Declaration for Arkansas was amended.
 - Federal funds for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, have been increased to 100 percent of the total eligible costs for a continuous 30-day period April 10 to May 10, 2023.
- On April 24, Cross County was approved for the Direct Temporary Housing Program.
- All 75 Arkansas counties are approved for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance.

FEMA Products

- News Release 001: [Arkansas Survivors Can Apply for Possible FEMA Assistance](#)
- News Release 002: [Arkansans – Be Prepared for Potential Severe Weather](#)
- News Release 003: [Arkansans - Be Alert to Fraud After a Disaster](#)
- News Release 004: [What to Expect After Applying for FEMA Assistance](#)
- News Release 005: [FEMA in the Field – Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams Help Arkansas Residents](#)
- News Release 006: [FEMA Program Aids Disaster Survivors with Critical Needs Assistance](#)
- News Release 007: [Submitting an SBA Loan Application Could Bring More FEMA Grant Assistance](#)
- News Release 008: [Joint Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Central Arkansas](#)
- News Release 009: [Disaster Recovery Center to Open in Wynne, Arkansas](#)
- News Release 010: [Joint Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Jacksonville and Sherwood](#)
- News Release 011: [Use FEMA Grants for Intended Purposes](#)
- News Release 012: [When Applying for Disaster Assistance, Provide FEMA with Your Insurance Documentation](#)
- News Release 013: [Hours to Change at Disaster Recovery Centers](#)
- News Release 014: [Private Nonprofit Arkansas Houses of Worship May Be Eligible for FEMA Help to Cover Tornado Damage](#)
- News Release 015: [FEMA Specialists to Offer Rebuilding Tips in Sherwood](#)
- News Release 016: [Two Weeks Remain to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance After March 31 Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- News Release 017: [Two Weeks Remain to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance After March 31 Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- News Release 018: [FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Arkansas Closing Permanently June 28](#)
- News Release 019: [One Week Left to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance but FEMA Remains in Arkansas](#)
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- Fact Sheet 001: [Replacing Lost or Missing Document](#)
- Fact Sheet 002: [Resources for Repairing, Retrofitting and Rebuilding After a Tornado](#)
- Fact Sheet 003: [FEMA May Help You with Moving and Storage Expenses](#)
- Fact Sheet 004: [You Asked: I'm a Renter, Can I Get Assistance from FEMA?](#)
- Fact Sheet 005: [Types of Assistance Available for Arkansas Survivors of Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- Fact Sheet 006: [Letters or Online Updates Provide Valuable Information to Survivors](#)
- Fact Sheet 007: [FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Other Benefits](#)
- Fact Sheet 008: [Resources to Assist Your Recovery](#)
- Fact Sheet 009: [FEMA Offers Equal Access to All Disaster Survivors](#)
- Fact Sheet 010: [How to Document Home Ownership and Occupancy for FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)
- Fact Sheet 011: [FEMA May Contact You by Phone](#)
- Fact Sheet 012: [You Asked: Is FEMA assistance available if I'm being asked to leave my storm-damaged home?](#)
- Fact Sheet 013: [Appealing FEMA's Decision on Your Application for Assistance](#)
- Fact Sheet 014: [Beware of Fraudulent Contractors](#)
- Fact Sheet 015: [FEMA Remains in Arkansas to Support Survivors](#)

Fact Sheet 016: [FEMA Help May Be Available if You Are Asked to Leave Storm-Damaged Home](#)

Fact Sheet 017: [FEMA Remains in Arkansas to Support Survivors](#)

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