

Weekly Recovery Fact Sheet

Vermont: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides, July 2024

Key Messages

- President Biden issued two separate major disaster declaration for Vermont that took place in July.
 - The first was issued on Aug. 20 for the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that took place **July 9-11** in **Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Lamoille, Orleans** and **Washington** counties.
 - The second was issued on Sept. 26 for the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that took place **July 29-31** in **Caledonia, Essex** and **Orleans** counties.
- Residents who were affected by both incidents must submit separate applications for FEMA assistance for each event.
- For incident period **July 9-11**, more than **\$8.7 million** in federal disaster assistance has been approved.

Of that total:

 - **\$5,209,209** for Housing
 - **\$3,082,895** for Other Needs
 - **\$505,500** provided in SBA low-interest disaster loans
- For incident period **July 29-31**, more than **\$1 million** in federal assistance has been approved.

Of that total:

 - **\$623,604** for Housing
 - **\$443,935** for Other Needs
 - **\$31,200** provided in SBA low-interest disaster loans
- Assistance may include grants for **temporary housing, uninsured or underinsured home repairs and personal property, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property**



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losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the disaster.

- The deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance is **November 25, 2024**.

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov;
- Download the [FEMA App](#);
- **Call 1-800-621-3362**. Hours operate 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (in your time zone), seven days a week. Help is available in most languages. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or another relay service, give FEMA your number for that service when you call. For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

Disaster Recovery Centers

- Disaster Recovery Centers provide information from Vermont state agencies, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Survivors can visit to get help applying for federal assistance, update applications and learn about available resources.
- All centers are accessible to people with disabilities and access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology equipment. If you need a reasonable accommodation or sign language interpreter, please let a FEMA specialist at the DRC know.

Currently, the following DRCs are open.

- **Hinesburg Town Hall, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461**
Closed for Veterans Day, Monday, Nov 11
- **Lyndonville Public Safety Facility, 316 Main Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**
Closed for Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Closed Sundays.

Understanding Your FEMA Letter

- If you applied for assistance, you will receive a letter from FEMA explaining the status of your application.
- If the applicant is found ineligible, please read the letter carefully as it will explain the reasons for the ineligibility. In some circumstances, the survivor may only need to submit additional information or supporting documentation for FEMA to continue processing the application.

- Questions about your letter can be answered by calling 800-621-3362 or visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

Appealing FEMA's Decision

- If you don't agree with your decision letter, you may submit an appeal letter and documents supporting your claim, such as a contractor's estimate for home repairs, or missing documents as described in the determination letter for additional consideration.
- FEMA cannot duplicate assistance provided by another source, such as insurance settlements. Survivors who are underinsured may receive additional assistance for unmet needs after insurance claims have been settled.
- Appeal letters must be postmarked within 60 days of the date of the determination letter. Letters and supporting documents may be submitted to FEMA by fax, mail or via a FEMA online account. To set up an online account, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/assistance), click on "Apply Online" and follow the directions.

By mail: FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville MD 20782-7055

By fax: 800-827-8112 Attention: FEMA

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Businesses, homeowners, renters and certain nonprofits that were affected may apply online for low- interest disaster loans at lending.sba.gov. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov for more information. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339.

FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Other Benefits

- FEMA assistance is not taxable and will not affect eligibility for other federal programs, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

Public Assistance

- Public Assistance is different than Individual Assistance provides. It provides grants to the state, tribal, territorial and local governments, and certain types of private non-profits for the repair and replacement of disaster-damaged infrastructure.
- For the storms that took place **July 9-11**, Public Assistance is available in **Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex Lamoille, Orange, Orleans and Washington** counties.

- For the storms that took place **July 29-31**, Public Assistance is in **Caledonia, Essex** and **Orleans** counties.

For the latest information on the [July 9-11 disaster](#), visit [4810 | FEMA.gov](#); for the [July 29-31 disaster](#), visit [4826 | FEMA.gov](#). Follow FEMA on X at <https://x.com/femaregion1> and at facebook.com/fema.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency or economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.