

## Chatham County DRC

- Will be at Savannah Technical College Enrichment Center, but no estimate of opening date at this time.

**Disaster Aid for  
Hurricane Helene**

**3 Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid**

**ONLINE**

**DisasterAssistance.gov**

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**FEMA APP**

**Download the FEMA APP**

**CALL**

**800-621-3362**

What basic information will I need when I apply?

To apply for FEMA assistance, you will need to provide your:

- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home, if known
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

- Annual household income
- Account information, if you would like your assistance provided through direct deposit

#### Serious Needs Assistance (**NEW!**):

- This is an immediate one-time payment of \$770 per household for critical needs such as food, water, first aid, diapers, infant formula, etc.
- Anyone in Chatham County that sustained damages to their home or were without power in excess of 72 hours may qualify for assistance.
- **Please check with your insurance provider first.**

#### Requirements:

##### Citizenship Status

- Only United States citizens, non-citizen nationals, or qualified non-citizens are eligible to receive assistance from FEMA. Therefore, FEMA needs to verify all applicants' status before providing assistance.

##### Identity Verification

- You need to prove your identity with a valid Social Security number. FEMA usually checks your identity using public records when you apply. If FEMA cannot verify your identity this way, we might ask for more information.

##### Ownership/Occupancy Verification

- For certain types of assistance, FEMA must confirm the disaster-damaged home is your primary residence. For Home Repair or Replacement Assistance, FEMA also needs to confirm you owned the residence at the time of the disaster.

Applying for FEMA assistance with insurance:

##### If You Have Insurance

- Please contact your insurance company as soon as possible to file a claim. FEMA can only provide money after you get your insurance settlement. If your insurance doesn't cover all of your home repair or rebuilding expenses, FEMA may be able to help.
- FEMA can't provide money for expenses covered by insurance or duplicate benefits from another source. When you get your insurance settlement or denial, please send a copy to FEMA as soon as you can. If your insurance settlement is delayed more than 30 days from the time you file your claim, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

### **If You Do Not Have Insurance**

- FEMA will verify your disaster-caused losses. The agency will schedule a time to inspect your home if you reported damage to your home or personal property. Or FEMA will ask you to send documents to verify your expenses.
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### **Public Assistance - Eligibility Requirements for Houses of Worship:**

- Located within Chatham County (or another declared county).
- Provide a current ruling letter from the IRS granting tax exemption under Section 501 (c) (d) or (e) of the IRS Code of 1954, or documentation from the Georgia Secretary of State indicating nonprofit status.
- Provide proof of ownership or lease documents which establishes whose legal responsibility it is to repair damage.
- Eligible applicants must first apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a low-interest disaster loan before FEMA can determine if the organization is eligible for assistance.
- SBA Disaster Loans are a Critical Part of the Application Process. FEMA will provide financial assistance only if the house of worship is denied an SBA loan - or if the loan authorized is insufficient to cover repair costs.