

Subject: FEMA claims

Homeowners, and renters in Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Putnam Sarasota, St. John, Brevard, Citrus, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, **Indian River**, Lake, Marion, **Martin, Okeechobee**, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, **St. Lucie**, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties may now apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses resulting from Hurricane Irma. To be eligible for federal aid under FEMA's Individual Assistance Program, storm damage and losses from the hurricane and flooding must have occurred as a result of Hurricane Irma, beginning Sept. 4. Register with FEMA as soon as possible.

If you preregistered with FEMA, you do not have to apply again. If you have phone and/or internet access, you may register:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- on the FEMA Mobile App,
- Calling 800-621-3362 (FEMA).
- Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362.
- People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585.

The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available. Press 2 for Spanish and press 3 for other languages. Assistance for eligible survivors can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, and for other serious disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses or funeral and burial costs.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Contact your insurance company to file an insurance claim. FEMA does not duplicate insurance payments. However, you may still receive help after your insurance claims have been settled.

****Additional information can be found at flalawhelp.org under disaster law.***

