

How to Appeal FEMA's Decision

If you receive a letter from FEMA and you disagree with FEMA's decision about your eligibility, you can appeal the decision. FEMA might need more information to continue processing your application.

Once FEMA has reviewed your application, the results of the inspection and documentation you provided, you will receive a letter explaining:

- Whether you are approved for assistance.
- How much assistance you will receive.
- How the assistance must be used.
- [How to appeal FEMA's decision.](#)

If you are initially not approved for assistance, you may appeal within 60 days of the date of the decision letter. If you have questions regarding the letter or how to appeal, you may visit a Disaster Recovery Center or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

What to Include When You Appeal

The letter from FEMA will provide additional information on the types of documents or information that you may need to provide. FEMA will also include an optional appeal form that may be used to help provide additional information.

When submitting any documentation or information to FEMA, you must include your FEMA application number and disaster number (DR-4806) on every page.

For appeals by a third party, the applicant or co-applicant must also have a valid [Written Consent](#) on file for the third party with authorization to appeal or represent the applicant at the time of inspection.

How to Submit Your Appeal

You can submit your appeal and supporting documentation:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](#). Log into your account and upload supporting documents via the Correspondence Upload Center.
- In-person at a [Disaster Recovery Center](#).



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- By mail: FEMA Individuals & Households Program, National Processing Center P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055
- By fax: (800) 827-8112, Attention: FEMA – Individuals & Households Program

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