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## News Release

### FEMA Assistance Now Available to Help Hurricane Nicole Survivors Jumpstart Their Recoveries

**BRANDON, Fla.** – Homeowners and renters in Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Putnam, St. Johns or Volusia counties who were affected by Hurricane Nicole will now be eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance due to President Joseph R. Biden’s approval of the State of Florida’s request for a major disaster declaration.

FEMA announced that additional assistance has been made available to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Nicole during the period of Nov. 7-30, 2022. Assistance for Category G costs, specifically for damaged engineered beaches and the costs to restore them, is being made available to Brevard, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie and Volusia counties. Public Assistance is also available for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damage facilities for these counties. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

#### Hurricane Nicole Survivors, Learn How to Apply for FEMA Assistance:

FEMA will continue to work with the state of Florida to help Floridians affected by Hurricane Nicole and ensure that they have the resources they need to begin their road recovery.

Survivors can apply online at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov), use the [FEMA mobile app](#) or call 800-621-3362. The hotline is open, and help is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, you can provide FEMA the number for that service to receive assistance. To better assist survivors with accessibility needs, FEMA developed an accessible video about how to apply and it is available here: [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

Some families affected by both Hurricanes Ian and Nicole may need to apply for disaster assistance twice if they experienced damage from both hurricanes. Damage caused by multiple disasters is treated separately based on which storm caused it, even if the same property is damaged.

When creating your application, you must provide:

- Your current phone number where you can be contacted.
- Your current address and your address at the time of the disaster..

- Your Social Security number.
- A general description of damage and losses caused by the disaster.
- Banking information, if you are eligible for disaster assistance and you'd like to receive funds directly deposited into your bank account.
- If insured, the types of insurance you have, and when available, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.

**What to do if you have insurance:**

If you have homeowners, renters or flood insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. While FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance, if your policy does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

Document damage and begin cleanup and repairs to prevent further damage. Remember to keep receipts from all purchases related to the cleanup and repair.

Disaster assistance may include financial help with temporary lodging and home repairs, as well as other disaster-related expenses.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Nicole, visit [floridadisaster.org/info](http://floridadisaster.org/info) and [fema.gov](http://fema.gov). Follow [FEMA Region 4 \(@femaregion4\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/femaregion4) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

*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, economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.*