

Disaster Struck. What do you do now?



Fahe recommends following these federal agency recovery guides:

[Recovering from Disaster | Ready.gov](#)

[Recovering from a Hurricane | US EPA](#)



To learn how federal disaster assistance may work for you, please visit FEMA's FAQ pages:

[Frequently Asked Questions About Disasters | FEMA.gov](#)

[Myth vs. Fact: Disaster Assistance | FEMA.gov](#)



You can search for your location and find emergency response resources here:

[Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)



In anticipation of future federal programs for long term housing recovery, after FEMA and emergency response resources, please follow these steps:

- Collect all legal documentation, including deeds, titles, insurance, IDs, birth certificates, and social security cards.
- Take photographs and document damage and repair needs.
- Keep track of receipts, including home and property repairs, debris cleanup, rental/relocation expenses, and charity received.
- Apply to any and all federal disaster resources available (including FEMA and SBA loans). If you do not, you will have to explain later why you did not apply in a Duplication of Benefits (DOB) analysis. These applications also help additional funding become available by identifying unmet needs.
- Use all assistance for intended purpose. Don't spend home repair assistance to upgrade your home or on a trip to Disneyland.
- Document any contractor fraud and file a police report.



If you are interested in volunteering to assist in recovery, find your Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) here:

[How to Help After Hurricane Helene | FEMA.gov](#)