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News Release

Dutchess County Residents Affected by Hurricane Ida Can Now Apply for FEMA Assistance

NEW YORK – FEMA has added Dutchess County to the Sept. 5 federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Ida, bringing to nine the number of counties whose residents are now eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

Residents of **Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester** counties can now apply for FEMA's Individual Assistance program. The deadline to apply is **Monday, Dec. 6**. Those who have already applied need not apply again.

Hurricane Ida struck New York Sept. 1-3. Homeowners and renters in the nine counties who had damage or losses as a direct result of the storm are encouraged to apply for assistance. Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing and essential home repairs as well as other serious disaster-related needs such as medical and dental expenses.

You should apply to FEMA even if you have insurance, but first file a claim with your insurance provider. FEMA provides assistance to applicants for their uninsured or underinsured disaster-caused expenses and serious needs. Applicants are required to inform FEMA of all insurance coverage including flood, homeowners and vehicle.

Insured applicants must provide documentation that identifies their insurance settlements or benefits before FEMA will consider their eligibility for categories of assistance that may be covered by private insurance.

To apply for FEMA assistance, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA mobile app or call the **FEMA Helpline** at **800-621-3362**. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Helpline operators are available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language.

You can also visit a Disaster Recovery Center and meet in person with FEMA staff and representatives of other federal and state agencies who can provide information about disaster assistance. To find a recovery center near you, visit [DRC Locator \(fema.gov\)](https://DRCLocator(fema.gov)).

For official information on New York's recovery effort, visit fema.gov/disaster/4615. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/femaregion2 and facebook.com/fema.

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