

Daily Fact Sheet

DR 4420 NE/Severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding April 6, 2019

On March 21, 2019 President Donald J. Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Nebraska, triggering the release of federal funds to help people and communities recover from the severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding that began March 9, 2019 and continues. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are coordinating the recovery operation. A disaster website has been created at fema.gov/disaster/4420. The website is updated daily. Currently, 481 federal employees, including 403 FEMA employees, are deployed to Nebraska supporting disaster recovery efforts.

Disaster Recovery Centers Provide Assistance to Survivors

Disaster Recovery Centers are in operation or scheduled in Buffalo, Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Knox, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties. Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) at the centers will provide information on available services, explain assistance programs and help survivors complete or check the status of their applications.

Disaster Recovery Centers locations are:

- **Buffalo County:** Gibbon Baptist Church, 705 Court St., Gibbon, NE 68840
Open April 15 through April 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Cass County:** Plattsmouth Community/Senior Center (Gymnasium), 308 S. 18th St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Dodge County:** Fremont Learning Center, 130 E. 9th St., Fremont, NE 68025. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (Noon – 7 p.m. April 6)
- **Douglas County:** 111 East Front St., Valley, NE 68064. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Knox County:** Center Community Center, 207 Main St., Center, NE 68724. Open April 9 through April 13, 9 a.m. through 6 p.m.
- **Sarpy County:** 3802 Raynor Parkway, Suite 201, Bellevue, NE 68123. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Saunders County:** VFW Hall, 102 S. 24th St., Ashland, NE 68003. Open April 6 through April 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Washington County:** Arlington City Auditorium, 410 W. Elm St., Arlington, NE 68002. Open April 9 through April 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Survivors can visit any open DRC for help. To find the nearest center, go online to FEMA.gov/DRC or call the Disaster Assistance Helpline at **800-621-3362** or (TTY) **800-462-7585**.

Rebuilding? Check with Floodplain Manager About Permit

NEMA and FEMA remind residents planning to rebuild to consult with their local floodplain manager first to see if required permits may be necessary before rebuilding can start.

Once the home has been inspected, residents are safe to enter. However, it is the owner's responsibility to make sure all necessary permits have been obtained – including, if necessary, a Floodplain Development Permit, before starting reconstruction. To find floodplain management contacts, visit dnr.nebraska.gov/floodplain and click on your county.

Debris Removal a Priority for Communities after Nebraska Flooding

As local communities coordinate their debris removal process, NEMA, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and FEMA advise residents not to wait to clean up. Document damage with photos or videos. Separate debris into categories and place at the curb. Debris should not block the roadway. For more information, go online to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality at deq.state.ne.us/.

Individuals & Households Program (IHP)

Federal funding is available to eligible individuals in Boone, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Knox, Nemaha, Richardson, Sarpy, Saunders, Thurston and Washington counties and the Santee Sioux Nation. Additional counties may be designated as damage assessments are completed.

As of April 5:

- **3,838** applicants in designated counties have applied for FEMA Individual Assistance.
- FEMA has approved **\$12,427,992** for Nebraska individuals and households.
- **\$11,364,176** is for housing assistance and **\$1,063,816** for disaster-caused other needs.

How to Register with FEMA:

- Online, visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- On a smart phone, download the **FEMA app** and click on “disaster resources,” then “apply for assistance online.”
- By phone, call FEMA's toll-free registration line at **800-621-3362** or **(TTY) 800-462-7585**; or use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS). Telephone registration is available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT seven days a week.
- Visit a **Disaster Recovery Center** and speak to a FEMA specialist one-on-one. To find the nearest DRC, go online to FEMA.gov/DRC.

Applicants for disaster assistance should provide a Social Security number; the address of the damaged primary residence; a description of the damage; insurance coverage information; a contact telephone number; an address where they can receive mail; and bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

SBA has approved \$994,500, as of April 5, in low-interest homeowner and renter disaster loans, and is working to process and approve loan applications for businesses and residents as quickly as possible. Businesses and residents can visit SBA.gov/disaster, call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. TTY users may call **800-877-8339**.

SBA is operating a Business Recovery Center in Sarpy County at **Bellevue University, John Muller Administrative Services Building, 812 Bruin Blvd., Bellevue, NE 68005**. Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to assist businesses with their unique application and disaster recovery needs. No appointment necessary.

FEMA Teams Going Door to Door

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams are working in impacted neighborhoods to help survivors register for assistance and to identify immediate and emerging needs. Teams are operating in all 15 counties designated for Individual Assistance. They have visited more than 4,988 homes.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

To date, NFIP has received **991** flood insurance claims in Nebraska and issued **\$3,884,510** in advance payments to policyholders. Total paid to date is **\$5,327,757**.

NDOT Announces Website for Flooding Information

Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wants travelers to know there now is a resource to view information on the 2019 flood as it relates to state highway and bridge repair. Thanks to NDOT's dedicated website, Nebraskans will be able to view updates on the progress on repairs to state highways and bridges by going online to: dot.nebraska.gov/news-media/nebraska-flood-2019/.

Disaster Food Assistance - DSNAP

Residents of Boone, Buffalo, Custer, Knox, Richardson and Thurston counties and the Santee Sioux Nation may be eligible for the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

D-SNAP uses different qualifying rules than regular SNAP. If you would not normally qualify for SNAP, based on income, you may qualify for D-SNAP if you have suffered one or more disaster-related expenses, such as repairs, shelter or evacuation expenses, personal injury, lost income, etc.

Applicants must visit a Department of Health and Human Services assistance site for in-person verifications and to receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer card. A driver's license or another form of identification from the head of household must be provided. The application process may be started at the ACCESSNebraska website: icm-tracking.meltwater.com. Applications for D-SNAP benefits must be made on or before Monday, April 15. Daily hours of operation at each location will be weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Available

Workers who live in or worked in counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance, and whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to the flooding, may be eligible for assistance.

Individuals can generally receive up to 26 weeks of DUA benefits as long as unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster. Eligibility for DUA benefits will be determined on a

week-to-week basis. **The application deadline is April 26, 2019.** General information about DUA can be found at dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA.

Assistance for Landowners, Farmers, Ranchers and Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers many programs that can provide assistance to landowners, farmers, ranchers and producers following disasters. For information on USDA's many programs, contact your local [USDA Farm Services Agency](#).

U.S. DOT Will Provide \$25 Million for Emergency Road Repairs

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced that \$25 million in emergency relief funds from the Federal Highway Administration will be used to help repair Nebraska roads damaged by flooding.

Tax Relief for Nebraska Survivors

Individuals who reside or have a business in counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance may qualify for [federal tax relief](#). This may include additional time to file yearly individual tax returns or quarterly payments. Eligible taxpayers will also have until July 31, 2019, to make 2018 IRA contributions.

HUD Assistance for Nebraska Survivors

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is offering foreclosure relief and other assistance to eligible homeowners and renters in counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance. Information about HUD programs designed to assist disaster victims is available on HUD's website at hud.gov.

FEMA Public Assistance Program

Public Assistance (PA) is FEMA's largest grant program, providing [funds to assist communities](#) responding to and recovering from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident.

Currently, 65 counties are designated for Public Assistance: **Adams, Antelope, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Cherry, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Keya Paha, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Wheeler and York.**

Five tribal nations are [designated for Public Assistance](#): **Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Sac and Fox, Santee Sioux Nation and Winnebago Tribe.**

NEMA is conducting briefings for Public Assistance grant candidates. The briefings are for state businesses, counties, cities, sanitary enhancement districts, public energy districts, natural assets districts and other public entities that experienced injury from the March flooding.

Information Links:

- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency: nema.nebraska.gov/
- Nebraska Impact (Volunteerism): <https://www.nebraskaimpact.com/flood>
- Twitter: twitter.com/nematweets
- Facebook: facebook.com/nema.page
- YouTube: youtube.com/user/TheNEMAtube
- Flickr: flickr.com/photos/nemapics/
- FEMA: FEMA.gov
- Facebook: facebook.com/FEMA
- Twitter: twitter.com/femaregion7
- National Flood Insurance Program: Floodsmart.gov
- FEMA blog: fema.gov/blog
- SBA Office of Disaster Assistance: sba.gov/disaster

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