

# Daily Fact Sheet

**DR 4420 NE/Severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding March 9-April 1, 2019**  
April 8, 2019

- Major Disaster Declaration issued March 21, 2019
- The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are coordinating the recovery operation.
- Disaster website: [fema.gov/disaster/4420](https://fema.gov/disaster/4420).
- Current federal staffing: 472, including 396 FEMA employees

## **Additional Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Boone, Colfax, Thurston Counties**

The State of Nebraska and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open Disaster Recovery Centers in Boone, Colfax and Thurston counties for limited periods. Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide information on available services, explain assistance programs and help survivors complete or check the status of their applications.

Disaster Recovery Center locations and hours:

- **Boone County:** St. Edward Fire Hall, 1302 State Highway 39, St. Edward, NE 68660. Open April 8 through April 12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **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. Open 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.
- **Douglas County:** Valley Veterans Club, 111 E. Front St., Valley, NE 68064. Open 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. to 6 p.m.
- **Sarpy County:** Twin Creek, 3802 Raynor Parkway, Suite 201, Bellevue, NE 68123. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Saunders County:** VFW Hall, 102 S. 24th St., Ashland, NE 68003. Open April 6 through April 10, 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](https://www.fema.gov/DRC) or call the Disaster Assistance Helpline at **800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585**.

### **Debris Removal a Priority for Communities after Nebraska Flooding**

As local communities coordinate debris removal, 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/](https://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 4:

- **3,904** applicants in designated counties have applied for FEMA Individual Assistance.
- FEMA has approved **\$12,605,532**.

### **First Steps to Recovery**

If you have a homeowner's or flood insurance policy, [file your insurance claim](#) as quickly as possible. Document your damage with photos or video. Make a list of damaged items. Register with FEMA. Although **FEMA assistance cannot make you whole**, it may help your recovery by providing grants for basic repairs to make your home safe, accessible and secure. FEMA assistance may also provide grants for a temporary place for you and your family to stay while you build your recovery plan.

### **How to Register with FEMA:**

- Online, visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](https://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](https://www.fema.gov/DRC) Online, visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Applicants for disaster assistance should have the following information on hand:
  - Social Security number
  - Address of the damaged primary residence
  - Description of the damage
  - Information about insurance coverage
  - A current contact telephone number
  - An address where they can receive mail
  - Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

## **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

SBA has approved \$994,500 in low-interest homeowner and renter disaster loans as of April 5 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](https://www.sba.gov/disaster) call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto: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 Boone, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Nemaha, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties. They have visited more than 7,048 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 on all claims: \$5,327,757.

## **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. Information about DUA can be found at [dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA](https://dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA).

## **Assistance for Landowners, Farmers, Ranchers and Producers**

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

## **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 providing support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes due to the March winter storm and flooding in Nebraska. For information, visit the HUD website at [hud.gov](https://www.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. NEMA is conducting briefings for Public Assistance grant candidates.

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.**

### **Information Links:**

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

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