

Daily Fact Sheet

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

April 26, 2019

- Major Disaster Declaration issued March 21, 2019.
- Incident Period March 9 – April 1
- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are coordinating the recovery operation.
- Disaster website: fema.gov/disaster/4420.
- Current federal staffing: 527, including 468 FEMA employees

NFIP Increased Cost of Compliance Can Help with Rebuilding in Nebraska

If you have a policy with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and your home was damaged extensively by the severe storm, straight-line winds and flooding in Nebraska in March, you may qualify for additional coverage under your policy

You can **ask your claims adjuster or insurance agent about Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage**. This applies to homes located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, or flood zone.

- Under this coverage, you may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 to help pay the cost of bringing your home into compliance with your community’s floodplain management requirements. Your community floodplain administrator can provide information about these requirements.
- ICC coverage is in addition to the coverage for the repair of the building’s actual physical damage caused by flooding.

After a flood, local officials determine whether a structure was “substantially damaged.” ICC funds can help defray the costs of elevating, flood proofing, demolishing or relocating a residential structure. ICC coverage also is available on non-residential buildings, including public or government buildings such as schools, libraries and municipal structures insured under an NFIP policy.

- You must file a request for ICC within 60 days after receiving the substantial damage notification from your community.

For more information on general flood insurance questions, contact your local floodplain administrator, NFIP at **800-427-4661**, or your insurance agent. You can also email FloodSmart@dhs.gov to request information in a language other than English. Information also is available at FEMA.gov and FloodSmart.gov.

Check Permit Requirements Before Rebuilding

Local Officials Determine Whether Home Sustained “Substantial Damage”

It is important for Nebraskans to check with local building authorities about local or state permits that

may be necessary before starting reconstruction. These may include building permits, floodplain development permits, permits for repair of septic systems, and others. To find out what state permits may be required, please visit the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources at dnr.nebraska.gov/floodplain for a list of local floodplain management contacts.

Housing Resources for Disaster Survivors

The State of Nebraska is leading a Housing Task Force in partnership with FEMA and other agencies to address housing shortages and unmet needs in Nebraska communities affected by flooding. A [fact sheet listing resources](#) is posted on FEMA's disaster web page: fema.gov/disaster/4420.

27 Counties and One Tribe Eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance

Homeowners and renters in Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Howard, Knox, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Stanton, Thurston and Washington counties and the Santee Sioux Nation are eligible for Individual Assistance.

Individuals & Households Program (IHP)

As of April 23

- **5,252** applicants in designated counties have applied for FEMA Individual Assistance.
- FEMA has approved **\$20,304,902**.
- This includes **\$18,148,803** for housing assistance and **\$2,156,099** for disaster-related other needs.
- Deadline to register for Individual Assistance is May 20.

Don't Wait; Register with FEMA Now

If you experienced losses as a result of the March flooding, don't wait for a Disaster Recovery Center to open. Register with FEMA immediately and file any insurance claims. Disaster Recovery Centers are opening in the areas affected by the disaster, but this will take time. You can register with FEMA in several ways:

- Online, visit DisasterAssistance.gov. On a smart phone, use the [FEMA app](#). By phone, call **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)** from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Or 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 will need:

- 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

FEMA Hiring Nebraskans to Work on Disaster Recovery

FEMA is hiring Nebraskans to help with recovery efforts. Anyone interested in temporary job

opportunities should go to www.USAJobs.gov. The website is updated as new postings occur. Type “FEMA Local Hire” in the search box and put “Nebraska” in the location box.

Understanding Your FEMA Letter

If you applied for assistance from FEMA, you will receive a letter in the mail or via email that explains the status of your application and how to respond. It is important to read the letter carefully. Your letter will include the amount of any assistance FEMA may provide and information on the appropriate use of disaster assistance funds.

- **You may need to submit additional information** for FEMA to continue to process your application.
- **If you have questions about the letter**, you may go online to DisasterAssistance.gov; call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**; or visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find center locations and hours, go online to FEMA.gov/DRC or download the [FEMA mobile app](#).
- If you disagree with FEMA’s decision, or the amount of assistance, you may **submit an appeal letter** and any documents needed to support your claim, such as a contractor’s estimate for home repairs.
 - Appeal letters and supporting documents may be submitted to FEMA by fax or mail, in person at a Disaster Recovery Center, or online if you have a FEMA online account. To set up a FEMA online account, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, click on “Check Status” and follow the directions.
 - You must file your appeal in writing to FEMA. In a **signed and dated letter**, you must explain the reason(s) for your appeal. Include: your full name; disaster number; address of the pre-disaster primary residence; your current phone number and address; and your FEMA registration number on all documents.
 - **By mail:** FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055. **By fax:** 800-827-8112, Attention: FEMA.

Disaster Recovery Centers Assist Survivors

Disaster Recovery Centers are operating, or are scheduled to begin operation, in areas affected by the winter storm and flooding. More centers continue to be announced. 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 Centers are closed on Sundays. Disaster Recovery Center locations and hours are:

- **Boyd County:** Spencer Community Hall, 108 W. Main St., Spencer, NE 68777. Open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Butler County:** Bellwood Volunteer Fire Department, 752 41st Road, Bellwood, NE 68624. Open April 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed April 26 for Arbor Day.
- **Custer County:** United Methodist Church, 1000 S. 3rd Ave., Broken Bow, NE 68822. Open April 22, 23, 25, 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Dodge County:** Fremont Learning Center, 130 E. 9th St., Fremont, NE 68025. Open Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Douglas County:** Valley Veterans Club, 111 E. Front St., Valley, NE 68064. Open

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- **Hall County:** Wood River City Clerk, 108 W. 10th St., Wood River, NE 68883. Open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Howard County:** Oak Street Manor (Housing Authority), 222 E. Oak St., Dannebrog, NE 68831. Open April 23, 25, 30, May 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Richardson County:** City Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, NE 68355. Open April 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Santee Sioux Nation:** Santee Health and Wellness Center (Lower level, shelter room), 110 S. Visiting Eagle St., Niobrara, NE 68760. Open April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sarpy County:** Twin Creek, 3802 Raynor Parkway, Suite 201, Bellevue, NE 68123. Open Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Stanton County:** Parish Hall of St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1502 Ivy St., Stanton, NE 68779. Open April 23, 24, 25, 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Survivors can visit any open center for help. To find the nearest DRC visit: [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC), or text **DRC** along with a ZIP code to 43362 or call the Disaster Assistance Helpline at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Update

SBA has approved \$20,008,900 in low-interest disaster loans as of April 25. For homeowners and renters, SBA has approved 344 loans for \$17,804,400; for businesses and private nonprofits, SBA has approved 17 loans for \$2,204,500. For information, 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. TTY users may call **800-877-8339**.

SBA is operating a Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Cass County in the **Plattsmouth Community/Senior Center at 308 S 18th Street, Plattsmouth, NE 68048**.

Hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; SBA continues operating a Business Recovery Center in Sarpy County at **Bellevue University, John Muller Administrative Services Building, 812 Bruin Blvd., Bellevue, NE 68005**. It is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Debris Removal a Priority for Communities after Nebraska Flooding NEMA, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and FEMA are coordinating cleanup efforts in Nebraska. Debris needs to be separated into categories and placed at the curb. Debris should not block the roadway. For information, go online to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality at deq.state.ne.us/.

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 active in: Boyd, Douglas, Knox, Madison, Platte counties and the Santee Sioux Nation.

They have visited more than 15,760 homes.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

As of April 25 NFIP has received 1,019 flood insurance claims in Nebraska and issued \$4,602,277 in advance payments to policyholders. Total paid on all claims: \$18,038,327.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available

Information about DUA can be found at dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA.

Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (D-SNAP)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Children and Family Services' request to implement D-SNAP for qualified individuals in the following counties: **Antelope, Boyd, Burt, Cuming, Hall, Howard, Madison, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Saline and Stanton.**

Registration for this program is available through April 26 for these counties.

For more information, go to Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Assistance for Landowners, Farmers, Ranchers and Producers

The USDA says higher limits now are available for borrowers interested in USDA's farm loans. For more information, visit USDA Farm Service Agency.

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

- To help manage cropland damaged by Nebraska's severe spring weather, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing **funds to plant cover crops** on cropland acres.
- Producers are encouraged to apply at their local USDA Service Center by May 17, 2019. After that deadline, there is a second opportunity to apply, ending June 21, 2019.
- This funding is available statewide to assist recovery work on cropland acres directly impacted by the severe weather in March. The highest priority cropland includes **land that is unable to be planted with a cash crop and/or harvested in 2019.**

Tax Relief for Nebraska Survivors

Individuals may qualify for [federal tax relief](#) following a disaster.

HUD Assistance for Nebraska Survivors

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing support to homeowners and low-income renters. Find information at hud.gov.

FEMA Public Assistance Program

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program provides federal assistance to state and local governments and certain types of private nonprofit organizations following a presidential disaster declaration. Public Assistance (PA) can help communities quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

Through the program, FEMA can reimburse eligible costs for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private nonprofit organizations. The Public Assistance program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

Counties eligible for Categories A-B (emergency protective measures, debris removal):

- Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Cherry, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Franklin, Fillmore, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York.
- Tribes: Omaha Indian Reservation, Ponca (TDSA), Sac and Fox Indian Reservation, Santee Indian Reservation, and Winnebago Indian Reservation.

Counties eligible for Categories C-G (permanent work):

- Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Buffalo, Brown, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Franklin, Fillmore, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thurston, Valley, Wayne, Washington, Webster and Wheeler.

Information Links:

- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency: nema.nebraska.gov/
- Nebraska Impact (Volunteering): 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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