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News Release

Holt County Citizens May Now Apply for FEMA Individual Assistance

LINCOLN, Neb. – Homeowners, renters and business owners in Holt county may now apply for Individual Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for losses resulting from the severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred Mar. 9 to Apr. 1, 2019.

FEMA disaster grants for qualified homeowners and renters may help pay for basic repairs to make a home habitable, provide temporary rental assistance, and provide assistance for disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources.

The deadline for registration is June 19 for Individual Assistance.

How to register with FEMA:

- Online, visit DisasterAssistance.gov.
- By phone, call FEMA’s toll-free registration line at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)** or use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS). Telephone registration is available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Daylight Time seven days a week.
- On a smart phone, download the [FEMA app](#) and click on “disaster resources,” then “apply for assistance online.”

Applicants will need the following to apply:

- Social Security Number;
- Daytime telephone number;
- Current mailing address;
- Address and zip code of the damaged property;
- Proof of ownership and occupancy, such as a utility bill; and
- Private insurance information, if available.

After registering for disaster assistance with FEMA, homeowners and renters may also be contacted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to apply for a low-interest disaster loan. SBA disaster loans provide the largest source of long-term federal disaster recovery funds for survivors.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may receive additional information for this disaster by visiting the SBA [Nebraska disaster website](#).

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call **800-877-8339 (TTY)**.

For flood insurance information, visit FloodSmart.gov or call the NFIP helpdesk at **800-427-4661**.

Currently, 28 counties and one tribe are designated for FEMA Individual Assistance: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Holt, Howard, Knox, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Stanton, Thurston and Washington counties and the Santee Sioux Nation.

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For disaster updates from the State of Nebraska, visit Nebraska's website at NEMA.Nebraska.gov. You can also follow [@NEMAtweets](https://twitter.com/NEMAtweets) on Twitter, and www.facebook.com/nema.page on Facebook. Follow FEMA online at www.fema.gov/disaster/4420.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has faced discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362, voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.