

Florida May 10 Severe Storms and Tornadoes Recovery

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Key Messages

- FEMA disaster assistance gives money to homeowners and renters in Leon County for uninsured and underinsured expenses due to the disaster.
- Housing Assistance may include:
 - Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster.
 - Funds for rent if you are displaced.
 - Money to help survivors with a disability with specific repairs to make sure their home is accessible.
 - Homeowners may receive additional funds for specific mitigation measures.
- Other Needs Assistance may include:
 - Money to help you pay for lifesaving and life-sustaining items.
 - Money to help you pay for minor damage caused by the disaster.
 - Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage.
 - Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster, and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- FEMA assistance is not a replacement for insurance.



FEMA



Disaster Recovery Center

Survivors can visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the LeRoy Collins Leon County Library to get help with an application for federal assistance, learn about types of assistance available, learn about the appeals process and get updates on applications. Representatives from Florida state agencies, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration are onsite at the center. No appointment is necessary.

- **Location:** LeRoy Collins Leon County Library, 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301
- **Hours of operation:** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The center will be closed on July 4.

How to Apply

Help is available for individuals and households in Leon County who sustained losses from the May 10 severe storms and tornadoes. FEMA financial assistance may include temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other uninsured disaster-related expenses. There are three ways to apply for assistance:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov
- Download the [FEMA App](#)
- Call 800-621-3362
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center

The deadline to apply is **Aug. 19, 2024**.

By the Numbers

FEMA assistance totals **\$1.9 million** for Leon County survivors.

- Housing Assistance: \$868,400
- Other Needs Assistance: \$1.02 million

Beware of Frauds & Scams

Survivors should be aware that con artists and criminals may try to obtain money or steal personal information through fraud or identity theft after a disaster. If a FEMA inspector comes to your home and you did not submit a FEMA application, your information may have been used without your knowledge to create a FEMA application. Call FEMA at 800-621-3362 so they can stop further processing of the application. If you did not apply for assistance, but receive a letter from FEMA, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers [low-interest disaster loans](#) for homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofit organizations to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and other sources. Apply online at the SBA's secure website at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster). Disaster loan information can also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. Loans for physical damage and economic injury are available for eligible applicants in Leon County. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty and Wakulla in **Florida**; and Grady and Thomas in **Georgia**.

Application deadline for physical damage is Aug. 16, 2024, and for economic injury March 17, 2025.

SBA Business Recovery Center

The U.S. Small Business Administration has opened a Business Recovery Center. The center is a one-stop-shop for businesses seeking disaster assistance. SBA representatives work one-on-one with businesses to help with disaster loan applications and provide status updates on loan applications. No appointment is necessary. All services provided are free.

- **Location:** Domi Station, 914 Railroad Ave, Tallahassee FL, 32310
- **Hours of operation:** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Disaster Distress Helpline

The [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMSHA\) Disaster Distress Helpline](#) provides 24/7 crisis counseling and support to survivors experiencing emotional distress related to the severe storms and tornadoes. SAMSHA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Call 800-985-5990, visit [samhsa.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov) or text **TalkWithUs** for English or **Hablanos** for Spanish to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

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