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FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE FOR WAYNE COUNTY

Important recovery update for residents impacted by the historic August flooding. President Donald Trump has approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Indiana, and Wayne County has been approved for FEMA Individual Assistance.

This means eligible Wayne County residents who experienced damage or losses from the disaster may now apply directly to FEMA for assistance.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE

Residents can begin the application process online at:

 <https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

 Application Deadline: October 25, 2026

Residents who need assistance completing an application or have questions about the FEMA process may also contact the FEMA Helpline:

 1-800-621-3362

 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM, seven days a week

BE PREPARED BEFORE YOU APPLY

Having information and documentation available may help with the application process. This can include:

- Proof of occupancy – A lease, utility bill, deed or other documentation showing the damaged property was your primary residence.
- Insurance information – Your insurance policy information and any settlement or denial documentation you have received.
- Documentation of damage – Photographs or videos showing damage to your home and personal property.
- Receipts and expenses – Keep receipts associated with emergency repairs, cleanup, temporary lodging and other disaster-related expenses.

IMPORTANT: FEMA ASSISTANCE IS NOT AUTOMATIC

A Major Disaster Declaration makes federal assistance available, but each household must apply with FEMA and eligibility is determined on an individual basis.

Residents should document their damage, keep receipts and maintain copies of information submitted during the recovery process.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security maintains an August 2026 Disaster Resource Hub with information and resources related to the disaster:

 <https://www.in.gov/.../emergency.../august-2026-disaster>

Wayne County has also established a centralized recovery resource page:

 https://waynecounty.in.gov/ema/emergency_resources.php

WAYNE COUNTY – PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

This is an important step forward in our recovery.

Many of the people who need this information most may not regularly use social media.

Please share this information and check on your neighbors, family members and friends who were impacted by the flooding.

Wayne County EMA will continue working with our local, state and federal partners to obtain answers and provide our community with reliable information as we move through the FEMA assistance and long-term recovery process.

We have seen an incredible amount of resilience throughout Wayne County over the past two weeks. That same spirit of neighbors helping neighbors will continue to be important as our communities recover.

Wayne County will recover together.

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