

Emergency and Non-emergency Help and Resources

American Red Cross – How to Prepare for Emergencies

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies#About>

Dial 211

People can call 211 in every major city across the nation to find a free and confidential service that helps people find the local resources they need in any emergency or non-emergency: www.in211.org.

Disaster Preparation

<https://www.ready.gov/>

FEMA Disaster Centers

The Disaster Assistance Improvement Program's (DAIP) mission is to provide disaster survivors with information, support, services, and a means to access and apply for disaster assistance through joint data-sharing efforts between federal, tribal, state, local, and private sector partners.

On August 29, 2006, President George W. Bush issued Executive Order 13411. DAIP was created in response to this order. Our goal is to improve survivor access to disaster information and make applying for disaster assistance easier. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), acts as the managing partner.

If you need any of the following information, go to: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/about-us/overview>.

- Find disaster assistance that meets your personal needs.
- Learn about more than 70 forms of assistance from 17 federal agencies.
- Apply for disaster assistance and reduce the number of forms you have to fill out.
- Check the status of your application.
- Find a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) near you.
- Find a hotel or a new place to live.
- Find programs to help with food and nutrition needs.
- Change the address for your Social Security, VA, or other federal benefits.

FEMA Mobil App

- Would you like to receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide?
- Would you like to learn emergency safety tips for over twenty types of disasters, including earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, tornados, and more?
- Would you like to locate emergency shelters in your area and find disaster recovery centers where you can talk to a FEMA representative in person?

Then download the FEMA App from Google Play or the Apple Store to your mobile phone. See more information at: <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app>.

Housing for Senior Citizens

If you have a very-low income and are in need of housing, go to this USA.gov Federal government website to find information about housing for senior citizens: <https://www.usa.gov/housing-help-audiences#item-36852>.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (The new name is: USAging)

The N4A represents America's national network of 622 Area Agencies on Aging. They are in every community across the nation, and they provide assistance to more than eight million older Americans, caregivers, and people with disabilities annually to help them find the resources they need. They provide unbiased, reliable information and counseling to individuals with all levels of income. To find the office in your area, go to: <https://www.usaging.org/>.

Phone Service Discount

The Federal Communication Commission has information on their website about the "Lifeline Program for Low-Income Consumers." Since 1985, the Lifeline program has provided a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings, including being able to connect to jobs, family and emergency services. Lifeline is part of the Universal Service Fund. The Lifeline program is available to eligible low-income consumers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands. To read more about this program and to determine if you are eligible, go to: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers>.