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## **News Release**

## FEMA Assistance Available for April Tornado Survivors in Mississippi

**MADISON, Miss.** – Mississippi homeowners and renters in Hancock, Hinds, Humphreys, Madison, Neshoba and Scott counties who were affected by the April 8-11, 2024, severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding may apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

Survivors can apply for FEMA assistance by going online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, downloading the <u>FEMA mobile app</u> or calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

Applicants will need to provide the following information:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying
- Your Social Security number
- A general list of damage and losses
- Banking information if you choose direct deposit
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

Disaster assistance may include financial help with immediate needs, temporary lodging and home repairs, as well as other disaster-related expenses.

If an applicant has homeowners, renters or flood insurance, they should file a claim as soon as possible.

FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If the policy does not cover all the disaster expenses, the survivor may be eligible for federal assistance.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, <a href="https://youtu.be/HhtlyTX49RE">https://youtu.be/HhtlyTX49RE</a>.

For the latest information on recovery from the April tornadoes, visit <u>msema.org</u> and <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4790</u>. On X/Twitter follow MEMA @MSEMA and FEMA Region 4 @femaregion4.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

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 been discriminated against, call the FEMA Civil Rights Resource Line toll-free at 833-285-7448. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish). If you use a Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.