

**Nashville VOAD - FEMA Assistance Talking Points**  
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**BASIC TALKING POINTS:**

- The recent floods affected over 1,000 households in Greater Nashville, and a lot of people still need help.
- FEMA is the “Federal Emergency Management Agency,” and they provide resources to people affected by major disasters.
- President Biden recently approved disaster assistance through FEMA for affected individuals in Davidson, Williamson and Wilson counties.
- If you experienced damage in the recent floods to any of your property (residential or commercial), you may be eligible for FEMA assistance, even if you don’t have insurance.
- Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.
- To be eligible, you must be able to prove that you or a minor child in the household are a United States Citizen, a Non-Citizen National, or a Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylum-seeker or refugee).
- To apply, visit [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)).
- The deadline to apply is July 7, 2021.
- In addition to FEMA, you can also apply for local assistance at [NashvilleResponds.com/assistance](https://NashvilleResponds.com/assistance).

**FOR SHORTER RADIO/TV SPOTS AND INTERVIEWS:**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a federal agency that provides assistance after major disasters, and they’ve been approved to help Greater Nashville residents affected by the recent floods.
- If you were affected by the floods and you or a minor child in the household are a US Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylee or refugee), you are potentially eligible for assistance, even if you don’t have insurance.
- If you need help with temporary housing, repairs to your home or business, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, or anything else to do with recovering from the recent disaster, apply for help at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)).
- The deadline to apply is July 7, 2021.
- In addition to FEMA, you can also apply for local assistance at [NashvilleResponds.com/assistance](https://NashvilleResponds.com/assistance).

### **FOR FURTHER TIME-LIMITED SITUATIONS:**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is standing by to help Greater Nashville residents affected by the recent floods.
- If you were affected by the floods and you or a minor child in the household are a US Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylee or refugee), apply for assistance if you need help. Even if you don't have insurance, you may still be eligible.
- Apply at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)).
- The deadline to apply is July 7, 2021.
- In addition to FEMA, you can also apply for local assistance at [NashvilleResponds.com/assistance](https://NashvilleResponds.com/assistance).

### **FOR EXTREMELY TIME-LIMITED SITUATIONS**

- If you were affected by the recent floods in Greater Nashville, and you or a minor child in your household are a US Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylee or refugee), you may be eligible for financial and other assistance from FEMA, even if you don't have insurance.
- Apply at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)).
- The deadline to apply is July 7, 2021.

### **FORMATTED FOR PSA:**

- Were you affected by the recent floods in and around Nashville?
- Do you need help with home or business repairs, temporary housing, or more?
- If you or a minor child in the household are a US Citizen, Non-citizen National, or Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylee or refugee), you may be eligible for assistance, even if you don't have insurance.
- To apply, visit [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)) before July 7, 2021.

### **Q&A FORMAT:**

#### **Where can I find help if I was affected by the recent floods?**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now offering assistance to eligible applicants.

#### **What kind of assistance?**

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

**Am I eligible?**

If you or a minor child in the household are a US Citizen, Non-citizen National, or Qualified Alien (such as a permanent resident, asylee or refugee), you may be eligible for assistance.

**What if I don't have insurance?**

You may be eligible for assistance even if you don't have insurance.

**How do I apply?**

Apply at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) (for the Spanish language version, visit [disasterassistance.gov/es](https://disasterassistance.gov/es)). Separate from FEMA, you can also apply for local assistance at [NashvilleResponds.com/assistance](https://NashvilleResponds.com/assistance).

**When should I apply?**

You should apply as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is July 7, 2021.