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APPLYING FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE

President Biden authorized a major disaster declaration for Santa Cruz County on Jan. 14, 2023. The declaration provides assistance to local governments and nonprofits, as well as families and individuals.

This may include financial assistance for cleanup and sanitation, repairs and other services for eligible agencies and households. Additional resources, including referral lists and legal aid, may be available. Applicants should also familiarize themselves with required documentation and other materials.

There are three ways to apply: visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov), downloading the FEMA app or calling the bilingual FEMA Helpline: 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). The Helpline is available until 8 p.m. PST.

Disaster Assistance Basics ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Assistance for Governments and Nonprofits ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Assistance for Families and Individuals ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Programs to Support Disaster Survivors ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

What information does FEMA require? ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

FEMA Fact Sheet on Individual Assistance.

(https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_updated-iappg-version-1.1.pdf)