

Legislative District 40 Hurricane Ida Response – Passaic County

New Jersey Survivors Affected by the Remnants of Hurricane Ida Can Apply for Possible FEMA Assistance

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** has approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Passaic County, which will make direct federal assistance available to individuals who suffered storm-related damages resulting from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Federal disaster recovery funds may be available to assist with home repairs, temporary housing, low-cost loans, and other expenses resulting from the impacts of Ida. Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by downloading the FEMA App on the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, or calling 800-621-3362.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information readily available:

- 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
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

Disaster assistance may include financial help for temporary lodging and home repairs along with other programs to assist families recover from the effects of the event.

Disaster Recovery Centers

A regional **Disaster Recovery Center** has opened to help renters and homeowners affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Civic Center. 19 Warren Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424

Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday

Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Representatives from FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration, New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management and other state agencies are available at this center to explain disaster assistance programs, answer questions about written correspondence and provide literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes more disaster resistant.

Small Business Administration Disaster Loans

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans are available for homeowners, renters, businesses of any size and most nonprofits. Similar to FEMA, SBA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance.

- For small businesses, those engaged in aquaculture and most nonprofits, up to \$2 million is available for working capital needs even if there was no property damage, with a \$2 million maximum loan for any combination of property damage and working capital needs.

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- For homeowners: up to \$200,000 is available to repair or replace their primary residence. For homeowners and renters: up to \$40,000 is available to replace personal property, including vehicles.

Businesses and residents can apply online at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov> For questions and assistance completing an application, call 800-659-2955 or email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. SBA will answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each survivor recover from the disaster damage.

State of New Jersey Resources

To assist residents impacted by Tropical Storm Ida, **the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI)** has provided guidance on filing a homeowners or auto insurance claim for storm-related damage. Please see the attachment.

NJ SNAP recipients can use their EBT benefits cards to purchase hot food at participating NJ SNAP retailers until September 30, 2021. In addition, NJ SNAP recipients in these counties will have until September 30, 2021 to request replacement benefits for food lost due to the impact of Hurricane Ida. Replacement benefits allow you to request up to one month's worth of your SNAP benefit amount to replace perishable items lost as a result of the storm. SNAP recipients must contact their local Board of Social Services for replacements.

Passaic County Board of Social Services

80 Hamilton Street
Paterson, NJ 07505-2060
(973) 881-0100
Fax: (973) 881-3232
Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Doors are closed to the public at 4:15 PM) M-F

Satellite Office

114 Prospect Street
Passaic, NJ 07055
(973) 470-5038
Hours: 7:30 AM- 3:30 PM M-F

The **New Jersey Division of Taxation** is following the federal guidelines for tax relief. Taxpayers affected by Hurricane Ida now have until **January 3, 2022**, to file their New Jersey tax returns and submit payments for any return and/or payment, including estimated payments, which have either an original or extended due date between August 26, 2021, and before January 3, 2022.

Car Damage – contact your insurance carrier first. New Jersey Motor Vehicles Commission has no role in insurance claims for cars lost or damaged during Ida, so no need to make an appointment with the MVC. If the carrier denies the claim for car damage or loss, contact FEMA.