

# Daily Fact Sheet

## **DR 4420 NE/Severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding**

April 15, 2019

- Major Disaster Declaration issued March 21, 2019.
- Incident Period March 9 – April 1
- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are coordinating the recovery operation.
- Disaster website: [fema.gov/disaster/4420](http://fema.gov/disaster/4420).
- Current federal staffing: 557, including 471 FEMA employees

### **SBA Disaster Loans Fuel Recovery, May Open Door to More FEMA Benefits**

After registering for disaster assistance with FEMA, most homeowners and renters may also be contacted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to apply for a low-interest disaster loan. There are good reasons to apply, even if the survivor had not considered a loan.

### **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Update**

SBA has approved \$5,180,900 in low-interest disaster loans for residents and businesses as of April 12 and is continuing to process and approve loan applications for businesses and residents as quickly as possible. Businesses and residents can visit [SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster) call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). TTY users may call **800-877-8339**.

SBA is operating a Business Recovery Center in Sarpy County at **Bellevue University, John Muller Administrative Services Building, 812 Bruin Blvd., Bellevue, NE 68005**. Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to assist businesses with their unique application and disaster recovery needs. No appointment necessary.

### **27 Counties and One Tribe Eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance**

Homeowners and renters in Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Howard, Knox, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Stanton, Thurston and Washington counties and the Santee Sioux Nation are eligible for Individual Assistance.

### **FEMA Hiring Nebraskans to Work on Disaster Recovery**

FEMA is hiring Nebraskans to help with recovery efforts. Anyone interested in temporary job opportunities should go to [USAJOBS.gov](http://USAJOBS.gov) and create a free account. The website is updated as new postings occur. Type "FEMA Local Hire" in the search box and put "Nebraska" in the location box.

## Understanding Your FEMA Letter

If you applied for assistance from FEMA, you will receive a letter in the mail or via email that explains the status of your application and how to respond. It is important to read the letter carefully. Your letter will include the amount of any assistance FEMA may provide and information on the appropriate use of disaster assistance funds.

- **You may need to submit additional information** for FEMA to continue to process your application.
- **If you have questions about the letter**, you may go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov); call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**; or visit a disaster recovery center. To find center locations and hours, go online to [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://FEMA.gov/DRC) or download the [FEMA mobile app](#).
- If you disagree with FEMA's decision, or the amount of assistance, you may **submit an appeal letter** and any documents needed to support your claim, such as a contractor's estimate for home repairs.
  - Appeal letters and supporting documents may be submitted to FEMA by fax or mail, in person at a Disaster Recovery Center, or online if you have a FEMA online account. To set up a FEMA online account, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), click on "Check Status" and follow the directions.
  - You must file your appeal in writing to FEMA. In a **signed and dated letter**, you must explain the reason(s) for your appeal. Include: your full name; disaster number; address of the pre-disaster primary residence; your current phone number and address; and your FEMA registration number on all documents.
  - **By mail:** FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055. **By fax:** 800-827-8112, Attention: FEMA.

## Disaster Recovery Centers Assist Survivors

Disaster Recovery Centers are operating, or are scheduled to begin operation, in areas affected by the winter storm and flooding. More centers continue to be announced. Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide information on available services, explain assistance programs and help survivors complete or check the status of their applications.

Disaster Recovery Center locations and hours are:

- **Buffalo County:** Gibbon Baptist Church, 705 Court St., Gibbon, NE 68840. Open April 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Butler County:** Bellwood Volunteer Fire Department, 752 41st Road, Bellwood, NE 68624. Open April 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed April 26 for Arbor Day.
- **Cass County:** Plattsmouth Community/Senior Center (Gymnasium), 308 S. 18th St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Colfax County:** Colfax County Court (Community Room), 411 E. 11th St., Schuyler, NE 68661. Open April 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Custer County:** United Methodist Church, 1000 S. 3rd Ave., Broken Bow, NE 68822. Open April 22, 23, 25, 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open April 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Dodge County:** Fremont Learning Center, 130 E. 9th St., Fremont, NE 68025. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

- **Douglas County:** Valley Veterans Club, 111 E. Front St., Valley, NE 68064. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Nemaha County:** Peru State College (Campus Services Building), 600 Hoyt St., Peru, NE 68421. Open April 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Richardson County:** City Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, NE 68355. Open April 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed April 21 for Easter.
- **Sarpy County:** Twin Creek, 3802 Raynor Parkway, Suite 201, Bellevue, NE 68123. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- **Thurston County:** Pender Community Center, 614 Main St., Pender, NE 68047. Open April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Survivors can visit any open DRC for help. To find the nearest center, go online to [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC) or call the Disaster Assistance Helpline at **800-621-3362** or (TTY) **800-462-7585**.

## **Individuals & Households Program (IHP)**

### **As of April 14**

- **4,548** applicants in designated counties have applied for FEMA Individual Assistance.
- FEMA has approved **\$16,344,722**.
- This includes **\$14,745,921** for housing assistance and **\$1,598,801** for disaster-related other needs.
- Deadline to register for Individual Assistance is May 20.

## **Debris Removal a Priority for Communities after Nebraska Flooding**

NEMA, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and FEMA are coordinating cleanup efforts in Nebraska.

- The **deadline for reporting dead livestock** to NDEQ is April 15. NDEQ will log the information, and USDA crews will handle pick-up and disposal of the animals.
- Debris needs to be separated into categories and placed at the curb. Debris should not block the roadway. For information, go online to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality at [deq.state.ne.us/](https://deq.state.ne.us/).

## **How to Register with FEMA:**

- Visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Download the **FEMA app** and click on “disaster resources,” then “apply for assistance online.”
- Call FEMA’s toll-free registration line at **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)** from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
- Visit a **Disaster Recovery Center** and speak to a FEMA specialist one-on-one. To find the nearest DRC, go online to [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC).
- Applicants for disaster assistance will need:
  - Social Security number
  - Address of the damaged primary residence
  - Description of the damage
  - Information about insurance coverage

- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

### **FEMA Teams Going Door to Door**

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams are working in impacted neighborhoods to help survivors register for assistance and to identify immediate and emerging needs. Teams are operating in: Boone, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Knox, Richardson, Sarpy, Saunders and Thurston counties and the Santee Sioux Nation. They have visited more than 10,344 homes.

### **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**

To date, NFIP has received 1,007 flood insurance claims in Nebraska and issued \$4,118,305 in advance payments to policyholders. Total paid on all claims: \$9,087,654.

### **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available**

Information about DUA can be found at [dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA](http://dol.nebraska.gov/UIBenefits/Programs/DUA).

### **Assistance for Landowners, Farmers, Ranchers and Producers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers information at [USDA Farm Services Agency](http://USDA Farm Services Agency).

### **Tax Relief for Nebraska Survivors**

Individuals may qualify for [federal tax relief](#) following a disaster.

### **HUD Assistance for Nebraska Survivors**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing support to homeowners and low-income renters. Find information at [hud.gov](http://hud.gov).

### **FEMA Public Assistance Program**

Public Assistance (PA) is FEMA's largest grant program, providing [funds to assist communities](#) responding to and recovering from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. NEMA is conducting briefings for Public Assistance grant candidates.

Currently, 65 counties are designated for Public Assistance. **The list of counties and the [designated assistance](#) for each is at [fema.gov/disaster/4420](http://fema.gov/disaster/4420).**

Five tribal nations are [designated for Public Assistance](#): **Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Sac and Fox, Santee Sioux Nation and Winnebago Tribe.**

### **Information Links:**

- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency: [nema.nebraska.gov/](http://nema.nebraska.gov/)
- Nebraska Impact (Volunteering): [www.nebraskaimpact.com/flood](http://www.nebraskaimpact.com/flood)
- Twitter: [twitter.com/nematweets](https://twitter.com/nematweets)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/nema.page](https://facebook.com/nema.page)
- YouTube: [youtube.com/user/TheNEMAtube](https://youtube.com/user/TheNEMAtube)

- Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/nemapics/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nemapics/)
- FEMA: [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA)
- Twitter: [twitter.com/femaregion7](https://twitter.com/femaregion7)
- National Flood Insurance Program: [Floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov)
- FEMA blog: [fema.gov/blog](https://www.fema.gov/blog)
- SBA Office of Disaster Assistance: [sba.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster)

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