

HURRICANE IRENE & TROPICAL STORM LEE DISASTER ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

On August 26, 2011, Governor Tom Corbett issued a Governor's Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Irene. That Proclamation remains in effect for least 90 days and, therefore, there was no need to issue a Proclamation for Tropical Storm Lee.

There is no "state" disaster assistance program. Governor Corbett made requests for federal assistance for both Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Here is the current status of federal Disaster Assistance for Pennsylvania:

HURRICANE IRENE

Federal Emergency Protective Measure Declaration

An Emergency Declaration was granted and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency protective measures under the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe. The declaration covered the following counties:

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Sullivan, Wayne, and Wyoming.

Individual Assistance

Federal Disaster Assistance is assistance for damage to private property (homes, private driveways, businesses, etc.) and is called "Individual Assistance" or "IA." The following 11 counties currently have been approved for IA:

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Sullivan, and Wyoming.

Additional counties can be added to the Governor's request as warranted.

Public Assistance

Federal Disaster Assistance is assistance for damage to "public infrastructure" (e.g. bridges, roads, etc.) and is called "Public Assistance" or "PA." FEMA typically requires a state to meet its state per capita threshold and for each county seeking assistance to also meet its county per capita threshold.

The following counties currently have been approved for PA:

Chester, Delaware, Luzerne, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming.

Additional counties can be added to the Governor's request as warranted.

TROPICAL STORM LEE

Federal Emergency Protective Measure Declaration

An Emergency Declaration was granted and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency protective measures under the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe. The declaration covered the following 42 counties:

Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wyoming, and York.

Individual Assistance

Federal Disaster Assistance is assistance for damage to private property (homes, private driveways, businesses, etc.) and is called "Individual Assistance" or "IA." The following 19 counties have been approved for IA:

Adams, Bradford, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wyoming, and York. Additional counties can be added to the Governor's request as warranted.

Public Assistance

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Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) are being conducted. Once the damage information is complete, there will be a request for federal assistance for PA.

ADDITIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Attached are:

Individual Assistance Fact Sheet

Public Assistance Fact Sheet

FEMA's Disaster Assistance Information (1-800-621-FEMA)

FEMA and PEMA will issue joint press releases regarding the locations of where people can sign up for Individual Assistance (Disaster Recovery Centers "DRCs").

However, individuals are urged to begin the process by calling:
1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

In addition, notice will be given to counties, municipalities, and non-profit organizations regarding Applicant Briefings ("kickoff meetings") to apply for PA.

For additional information on Disaster Assistance, please go to PEMA's state website: pema.state.pa.us. Click on the Disaster Assistance tab on the left hand side. The Disaster Assistance page will give additional information including - at the bottom right hand side under Helpful Resources - an "Elected Officials Brochure." The brochure gives further information on PA, IA and Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance.