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Fact Sheet

Critical Needs Assistance

FEMA has authorized Critical Needs Assistance (CNA) in **Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty and McIntosh counties** for households with immediate or serious needs due to being displaced from their primary dwelling.

Critical needs are life-saving and life-sustaining items including, but not limited to: **water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation.**

To be eligible for CNA a survivor must:

- Register with FEMA;
- Verify their identity;
- Assert at the time of registration that they have critical needs and request financial assistance for those needs and expenses;
- Have a pre-disaster primary residence located in a county designated for CNA;
- Be displaced from their pre-disaster primary residence as a result of the disaster.

Funds are delivered via direct deposit or paper check payable to the eligible applicant. Critical needs funding may take longer than usual due to the number of ongoing large-scale disasters. Once made, an eligibility determination is final. CNA is limited to a one-time payment of \$500 per household, and is subject to a 25 percent cost share with the State of Georgia.

Registering with FEMA

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to disaster survivors in five Georgia counties affected by Hurricane Irma: **Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty and McIntosh.**

The quickest way to apply for federal assistance is online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/assistance) or through the [FEMA mobile app](#).

Survivors may also register by calling the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362 (voice, 711 or VRS)** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**. **Because of high demand, lines may be busy. Please be patient, and**

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try calling in the morning or evening when call volume may be lower.

Have this information ready when you apply:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged home or apartment
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where you can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance in Georgia is Nov. 14.

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