

# Okaloosa County News Release

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## **Okaloosa County Approved for FEMA Assistance from Recent Flooding**

Okaloosa County has been approved to receive Individual Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as a result of the severe storms and flood events occurring March 26, 2009. Those who were affected by the storms are now eligible for individual assistance with temporary housing assistance, uninsured personal property and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster, along with other disaster-related experiences and serious needs.

Anyone who suffered damages in any of the designated counties may complete an online application at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or apply by phone by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585** for the hearing or speech-impaired. The toll-free numbers are available seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Eastern time, until further notice. Help in other languages is available.

Today's announcement is in addition to the initial Presidential Declaration on April 21, 2009, which provided Public Assistance funds to help rebuild local infrastructure (roads and bridges) and to reimburse response costs in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management and State Emergency Response Team (SERT) coordinate disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation programs with all 67 counties and the federal government. For more information and to GET A PLAN! please visit [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org).

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