

White House Partially Approves Governor Abbott's Request For A Major Disaster Declaration

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced that President Biden has partially approved Texas' request for a Major Disaster Declaration. [The Governor Requested the Major Disaster Declaration on Thursday](#) for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in all 254 counties. The Biden administration approved the request for Individual Assistance in 77 counties and for Public Assistance (Emergency Protective Measures Only) in all 254 Counties.

The Governor and the Texas Division of Emergency Management will continue to work to ensure the federal government provides appropriate assistance to individual Texans as well as to the state and local governments.

"I thank President Biden for his assistance as we respond to impacts of winter weather across our state," said Governor Abbott. "While this partial approval is an important first step, Texas will continue to work with our federal partners to ensure all eligible Texans have access to the relief they need. The funds provided under the Major Disaster Declaration may provide crucial assistance to Texans as they begin to repair their homes and address property damage."

The Governor requested the Major Disaster Declaration in order to provide Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation for individuals and communities affected by this week's severe winter weather.

The following counties were approved for Individual Assistance:

Angelina, Aransas, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, DeWitt, Ellis, Falls, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gillespie, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hood, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Kendall, Lavaca, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Maverick, McLennan, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Rockwall, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Scurry, Shelby, Smith, Stephens, Tarrant, Travis, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, and Wise Counties.

Individuals and business owners in counties included in the President's declaration who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800462-7585



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Texas: If you live in one of the 77 counties designated for Individual Assistance, here are steps to help you on your road to recovery.

If you live in another county, continue to report your damages to the state at: arcg.is/uOrOb

START YOUR RECOVERY PROCESS

1

Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.

2

Make a list of damaged or lost items.

3

Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company. If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.

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3 Ways To Apply

- Online DisasterAssistance.gov
- Through the FEMA app
- Call: (800) 621-3362
TTY: (800) 242-7585



Special Note: FEMA cannot provide assistance for losses that are covered by insurance.

