

Prepare and Plan Ahead

Prepare a disaster kit with essential items for you and your family:

- Water and food for 3 days (1 gallon of water per person per day).
- Supplies for babies and pets.
- Hygiene products and feminine supplies
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Cellphones and chargers
- Medicine and eyewear
- Important documents and contacts.
- First aid kit and flashlight.

Make a plan, including:

- Know where to go for safety.
- Communicate with family and keep records safe.
- Create inventories of belongings (photos/videos).
- Digitize important documents and store them securely.
- Include driver's licenses, passports, Social Security cards, etc.

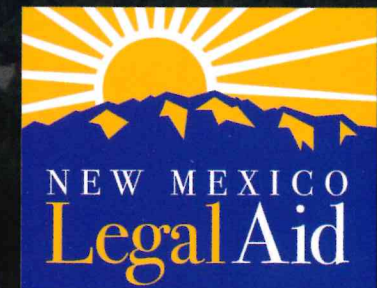
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Disaster Relief Project

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Disaster Recovery Assistance

Safety first!

Here's what to do after a disaster:

- Make sure your family, pets, and you are safe.
- Get medical help for injuries and keep wounds clean.
- Check if it's safe to go back home.
- Watch out for dangers like fallen wires and debris.
- Follow health advice for cleanup.
- Call your insurance company for claims.
- Contact New Mexico Legal Aid's Disaster Relief Project if you need legal help.

Common Legal Concerns

Insurance

- File claims and watch for fraud.
- Negotiate settlements and coverage denials.
- Filing for appeals.

Government Aid

- Apply for benefits (FEMA, SNAP, unemployment, other housing assistance, etc.)
- Appeal benefit denials.
- Handle overpayment notices

Rental Housing

- Know renter rights and communicate with landlords.
- Negotiate early lease terminations.
- Sort out renter's insurance claims and retrieve belongings.

Homeownership

- Work with mortgage companies and access assistance.
- Understand your real estate contract options.

Contractors

- Hire reputable ones and review contracts.
- Obtain permits and avoid scams.
- Avoid predatory lending.

Document Replacement

- Replace lost IDs and other important papers.
- Get replacements for immigration documents.

For more assistance, visit [Disaster.newmexicolegalaid.org](https://disaster.newmexicolegalaid.org),

Email the Disaster Legal Services Team at

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Or call our disaster hotline 1-855-204-2569