



April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is in receipt of a Federally Declared Major Disaster Declaration ( DR 1897) as a result of the March 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 Flooding and Severe storm event. President Obama signed the Governor's Request on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

FEMA announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the State of New Jersey to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the severe storms and flooding beginning on March 12, 2010, and continuing.

The declaration covers affected residents in *Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union Counties* as being eligible for federal assistance.

Residents of the affected Counties who have made application for Federal Assistance or who plan on making application for federal assistance will be contacted by fully credentialed Inspectors to schedule an appointment to inspect damage and to determine eligibility for any funded programs. The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management has established Community Relations teams with our FEMA partners. These teams will be visiting the affected areas of the State to conduct further outreach to those residents who may be eligible and may be in need of assistance due to the most recent disaster.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Residents can apply for assistance:

- <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>
- (800) 621-3362 (FEMA)
- <http://www.nj211.org/flood.cfm>.

The recent declaration also includes Public Assistance for several Counties. Federal funding is available to State and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms and flooding in the counties of *Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, and Somerset*.