

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACTS

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For further information contact
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PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION PROCESS FOR SOUTH DAKOTA



INFORMATION GUIDE



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WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS IN SOUTH DAKOTA, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TAKE PLACE:

Stage 1: Initial Incident Response

____ Step 1: County emergency management personnel notify the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management (OEM) of the event.

____ Step 2: OEM works with county officials to assess the damage and immediate needs of the affected areas. *If lives or property are threatened, OEM will, as requested, immediately dispatch available resources to assist local officials in their response.*

____ Step 3: Following an evaluation, a county will determine if the event is beyond its capability to manage. If the county cannot manage the emergency on its own, the county commission declares a disaster, requesting help from the state. *When the state receives a county disaster request, OEM will validate the reported damages by performing onsite visits.*

Stage 2: Damage Assessment

____ Step 4: **Identify Damage.** If you suspect damage, look for and document what you find. Check your public infrastructure (roads, sewage treatment plants, airports, irrigation channels, schools, public buildings, utilities, and certain essential private non-profit facilities). Have a map with you and clearly identify damage locations.

Also, note the extent of damage to private homes and businesses. *Homeowners and business owners are expected to utilize private insurance policies to repair property damage.* Assistance may be available for uninhabitable or destroyed structures that are underinsured and if all damage thresholds for the FEMA Individual Assistance Program are met.

Any delay in reporting damage or reporting additional damage weeks later will only delay the recovery process.

____ Step 5: **Notify your County Emergency Manager of damage.** Doing so, **as soon as possible**, is most important to determine the widespread impact of the disaster and eligibility for federal financial assistance. This call also places you on a damage assessment visit schedule. Follow up with your County Emergency Manager, as you feel necessary.

____ Step 6: **Take photographs of the damage.** Documenting the damage prior to any repairs will accurately record the extent of the damage.

____ Step 7: **Maintain a detailed record of expenses associated with emergency protective measures and repairs.** These expenses may be reimbursable with federal assistance.

____ Step 8: The state assesses the dollar amount of the damages, determining whether the county reaches the threshold to request a joint preliminary damage assessment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). *Immediately following the joint damage assessment, South Dakota officials will determine whether to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration.*

STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THRESHOLDS

1. To qualify for federal assistance, the state must document more than \$1,000,000 of damage to public infrastructure statewide and the county must meet the current FEMA per capita dollar amount of damage.
2. To determine whether the county qualifies for the FEMA Individual Assistance Program, some of the factors that are considered include:
 - The number of homes with major damage (uninhabitable or destroyed)
 - Concentration of damages
 - Number of injuries and deaths
 - Amount of insurance coverage; by law, federal disaster assistance cannot duplicate insurance coverage
3. To qualify for state financial assistance, the county must expend two mills of its assessed valuation for emergency or disaster purposes within the twelve months preceding the request under an emergency or disaster declaration by the governor [SDCL §§ 33-15-24.1 and 33-15-1(7)].

Government leaders and residents can benefit and expedite the response and recovery process with a little pre-planning and following some suggestions developed based on past experience.