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## **Tornado Assistance for Impacted Troup County Residents**

**Troup County, Ga. January 20, 2023** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced that Troup County is one of seven counties in the state of Georgia that will receive federal disaster assistance due to the January 12, 2023 severe weather and tornadoes.

According to FEMA, “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 must apply for individual assistance by March 15, 2023 using one of the following platforms:

1. File online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
2. Download the FEMA App
3. Call 800-621-3362

In addition, small businesses and non-profit organizations can now apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan in Troup County to help with losses from the storm. The SBA opened a Business Recovery Center at the William Griggs Recreation Center (716 Glenn Robertson Drive, LaGrange, GA 30241).

Hours of operation are Friday, January 20 from 12-5 p.m. and Saturday, January 21 from 9 – 5p.m., and moving forward, Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. until further notice. The Disaster Recovery Center will be closed on Sundays. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17761.

In addition to FEMA’s assistance, those affected by tornado damage can also reach out to the following agencies for further support: The American Red Cross (housing support) – 1(800)733-2767, Georgia Tornadoes Home Cleanup Hotline (Cleanup Help) – 470-201-5701, and the Disaster Distress Helpline (Mental Health Aid) – 1-800-985-5990.

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