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Last Day to Apply for FEMA Assistance; Filing Late Application for FEMA Assistance

Last Day to Apply for FEMA Assistance:

If you have suffered damage or losses due to Typhoon Mawar, you may be eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance. The last day to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is July 27, Eastern Standard Time. Because of the time difference between the Eastern Standard Time and the Chamorro Time, the deadline to register for FEMA assistance has been adjusted to 11:59 p.m. July 28, Chamorro Time.

FEMA assistance may include grants to help homeowners and renters pay for:

- Temporary housing for those displaced from their disaster-damaged primary homes.
- Essential repairs to owner-occupied primary homes including structural components such as foundation, exterior walls and roof, and interior areas such as ceiling and floors.
- Replacement of personal property including specialized tools for employment, household items, appliances, disability equipment (i.e., wheelchairs, hearing aids, etc.) and vehicle repair or replacement.
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance, including medical, dental, moving and child-care expenses and funeral and transportation expenses.

Typhoon Mawar survivors should register for assistance even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled.

If you haven't applied for federal disaster assistance yet, please register before the deadline by visiting <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, using the <u>FEMA mobile app</u>, calling 800-621-3362 (The Helpline is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week at no cost for Guam residents), or stopping by a Disaster Recovery Center at Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School or Guam Community College. Hours of operation at DRCs: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

The DRC at Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School permanently closed on July 27, Chamorro Time. The DRC at Guam Community College will remain open to assist survivors.

Disaster Recovery Centers are barrier-free and provide equal access to all visitors. If you use American Sign Language or assistive technology, and if you need accommodations to communicate, please notify FEMA staff at the center immediately.

Filing Late Application for FEMA Assistance:

For homeowners and renters who sustained damage from Typhoon Mawar, the last day to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is July 27, Eastern Standard Time. Because of the time difference between the Eastern Standard Time and the Chamorro Time, the deadline to register for FEMA assistance has been adjusted to 11:59 p.m. July 28, Chamorro Time. In rare cases, though, you may be eligible to submit a late application to FEMA.

FEMA may consider a late application if extraordinary circumstances kept you from applying before the deadline of July 28, Chamorro time, **and** you send the following documents:

- A signed letter of explanation; AND
- **Supporting documentation** that clearly confirms why you were unable to apply during the application period. These include:
 - o Record of hospitalization, illness, disability of the applicant or an immediate family member
 - o Death of an immediate family member
 - Proof of personal or business travel that kept the applicant out of the area for the full application period OR
 - Evidence of unique disaster specific circumstances

LATE APPLICATION PROCESS

You have **60 days** from July 28, Chamorro time, which was the FEMA application deadline, to complete a late application. There are several ways you can submit a late application for FEMA disaster assistance:

- Apply online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>.
- Download and use the FEMA mobile app to apply.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** to apply.

MAIL, FAX OR UPLOAD YOUR LATE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

You must submit valid documents within **60 days** from the date the late application was completed. Be sure to sign and date your documents. Include your nine-digit FEMA application number and the disaster number (**DR-4715-GU**) on all supporting documents.

Mail to: FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

Fax: 800-827-8112, Attention: FEMA

Upload documents: An easy way to provide any additional information needed is to set up an online account and upload documents online. To set up or upload documents, go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov, click on "Check Your Application and Log In" and follow the directions. Be sure to sign and date your appeal. Include your nine-digit FEMA application number, the disaster number (**DR-4715-GU**) and documents to support your appeal.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- Governor's Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/govlouguam
- GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
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For more information, contact the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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