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Resident Information Sheet



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Residential Damage Self-Reporting Fact Sheet

For residents reporting residential housing damage to their village mayor
to support Guam's Initial Damage Assessment (IDA).



This is NOT a FEMA application and does NOT determine FEMA eligibility.

As of May 2026, FEMA Individual Assistance has not been approved.



What is this for?

- Residents self-report damage to help Guam estimate disaster impacts during the Initial Damage Assessment (IDA).
- If requested later, a Joint Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) is used by FEMA and Guam to validate the IDA.



When should you self-report?

- The damaged home is your primary residence (where you live most of the year).
- You owned or rented the home and were living there at the time of the disaster.
- It is a traditional dwelling with a structural floor, walls, and roof.
- Disaster-caused damage affects living areas, the roof, walls, doors, windows, floor, or foundation.
- Utilities or safe access were affected, such as electricity, water, plumbing, sewer/septic, or the only safe route to the home.
- The home is unsafe, unsanitary, non-functional, inaccessible, or has major water intrusion.



Usually not part of this screening

- Second homes, vacation homes, vacant homes, or homes under construction.
- Businesses, churches, farms, or government buildings only.
- Cosmetic-only or very minor damage that does not affect safe living conditions.
- Yard, fence, landscaping, debris, pool, patio, carport, detached garage, or shed damage only.
- Non-traditional or improvised shelters without a structural floor, walls, and roof.



To self-report, CALL YOUR MAYOR'S OFFICE

To count as a self-report assessment, call your mayor's office and provide:



1. Name



2. Contact number



3. Damage level



4. Physical address



**Reminder: One household should report one primary residence.
Do not enter unsafe buildings.**

Damage Categories and Key Notes

These categories help Guam organize local self-reports during IDA and, if requested later, during a Joint PDA.



Affected

- Minimal damage to the exterior or contents of the home.
- Cosmetic damage only, such as minor siding, skirting, paint, or gutter damage.
- Damage to attached or nearby items that does not affect safe access or living conditions.



Minor

- Damage is present but does not affect the structural integrity of the residence.
- Examples may include damage to windows, doors, roof covering, drywall, insulation, utilities, well, septic, or HVAC.
- Water may be below outlets or below the living area.



Major

- Significant structural damage that requires extensive repairs.
- Examples may include structural roof, wall, or foundation damage.
- Water may be at or above outlets, or inside essential living space.



Destroyed

- The residence is a total loss, or damage is so severe that repair is not feasible.
- Examples may include collapse of major structural components or water at or above the ceiling.
- Only the foundation may remain, or the structure may be unsafe due to imminent danger.

Key notes

- Primary residence means the home where you normally live most of the year.
- Owners and renters may self-report residential damage.
- Traditional dwelling means a home with a structural floor, walls, and roof.
- Non-traditional dwellings are outside this traditional housing screening.
- Insurance information helps the review. Fully covered losses are not counted as unmet need.
- Damage to the only safe access route to the home may still matter.

Important reminder

- Self-reporting helps Guam estimate disaster impacts for the IDA process.
- If requested later, a Joint PDA validates the IDA.
- This is not FEMA registration and does not guarantee FEMA assistance.
- Residents should give their information to their village mayor as directed locally.
- Take photos if safe and save receipts, estimates, invoices, and insurance documents for possible future review.

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