



# City of Wharton

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### **POST-STORM PREPAREDNESS: WHEN APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE**

Not all weather disasters result in enough damage to be federally declared disasters. Still, it is good to be prepared with the proper information in the event a federal disaster declaration is issued and you wish to apply for assistance. In that event, homeowners and renters may be asked to start the process by registering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Before applying, officials recommend having the following information available:

- Social Security number
- Pre-disaster address
- Current mailing address
- Telephone number, plus a back-up, for contact
- Insurance information, including policy numbers
- A description of storm-related losses
- A routing and bank account number for direct deposit, if desired

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repair and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

The registration number is **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, **TTY 1-800-462-7585** for the speech and hearing impaired, or click on the FEMA Web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).