




# REBUILD FLORIDA: THE STEPS TO REPAIR, REBUILD OR REPLACE YOUR HOME

 RebuildFlorida.gov

 844.833.1010

Rebuild Florida is a program of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. To those Florida homeowners who were impacted by Hurricane Irma, we know your road to recovery has been long and difficult. Our team is here to help eligible Floridians repair, rebuild or replace your home. While every need is different, here are the steps Rebuild Florida will include.

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## REGISTRATION

Registration will take 15–30 minutes, and no documentation is required. It can be completed online at RebuildFlorida.gov or by calling 844.833.1010. Assistance is also provided at any of our Rebuild Florida Centers.

**Notification:** After you register, you will receive an email or letter confirming your registration is complete.

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## APPLICATION

Eligible homeowners will be invited by priority to complete the application. The application can be completed online, over the phone or by scheduling an appointment at one of our Rebuild Florida Centers where a case manager will be available to assist you.

**Notification:** After you apply, you will receive an email or letter confirming your application is complete.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Our program team will review applications and supporting documentation to verify that homeowners meet all of the eligibility requirements for the program. Priorities will include low-income Florida families who are elderly, disabled, families with children 5 or younger or tenants displaced from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands who are permanently resettling in Florida.

**Notification:** You will only be contacted by a case manager if additional information is needed.

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## HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

During this scheduled appointment, inspectors will inspect work already completed and determine the remaining repairs needed to complete the home. Our team will also send inspectors to test for lead-based paint in homes constructed prior to 1978.

**Notification:** You will be contacted by phone to schedule your appointment.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This federally required environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impact to determine whether it meets federal, state and local environmental standards. This review is conducted without an appointment on the property surrounding the home.

**Notification:** You will only be contacted if the program team is unable to locate or access the property.

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## AWARD DETERMINATION

The program will use a formula to calculate the awarded amount. Award amounts may be reduced if benefits were received from insurance or other federal recovery resources.

**Notification:** You will receive an email or phone call once the award determination is available.

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## GRANT AGREEMENT

Once these steps are complete, an eligible homeowner will meet with our team to review and accept the award and sign the grant agreement. The grant agreement will be available online, and applicants may request to speak to a case manager, then accept or appeal the award funding.

**Notification:** You will receive a call or email with information regarding your grant agreement.

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## REPAIR, REBUILD OR REPLACEMENT

Once the grant agreement is complete, eligible homeowners will enter into a construction contract with a program-selected building contractor. The repair, rebuild or replacement will begin. The program will pay the contractor directly for eligible repairs.

