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### **Ascension Offers Information on Applying for Disaster Assistance**

Ascension Parish Emergency officials are providing information to assist people who are applying for disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Ida.

“Governor John Bel Edwards and Parish President Clint Cointment have declared states of emergency for Louisiana and Ascension Parish,” said OHSEP Director Rachael Wilkinson. “President Biden has now approved a major disaster declaration for Louisiana, including Ascension Parish. This qualifies us for disaster and recovery assistance.”

Anyone affected by Hurricane Ida can apply for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by going online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov). Those applying should be prepared to provide Social Security Number, address, description of damage, information about insurance coverage, telephone number, mailing address, and bank account and routing number for direct deposit of funds.

“Right now, our focus is on recovery,” said President Cointment. “Parish government will use FEMA assistance to help in storm debris removal.”

President Cointment noted that the first pass for debris removal would begin in approximately 2 weeks. Debris should be placed on the side of the road or on the curb, off of private property. He asks everyone to please separate the debris, with vegetative debris in one pile, and construction & demolition debris in another.

“We are at our best when we work together to overcome our difficulties,” said President Cointment. “If you need help, please call the Citizen Service Center at 225-450-1200.”