

President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Wisconsin

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of Wisconsin to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and tornadoes on July 27, 2026.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Forest, Outagamie, Vilas and Winnebago counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and families recover from the effects of the disaster.

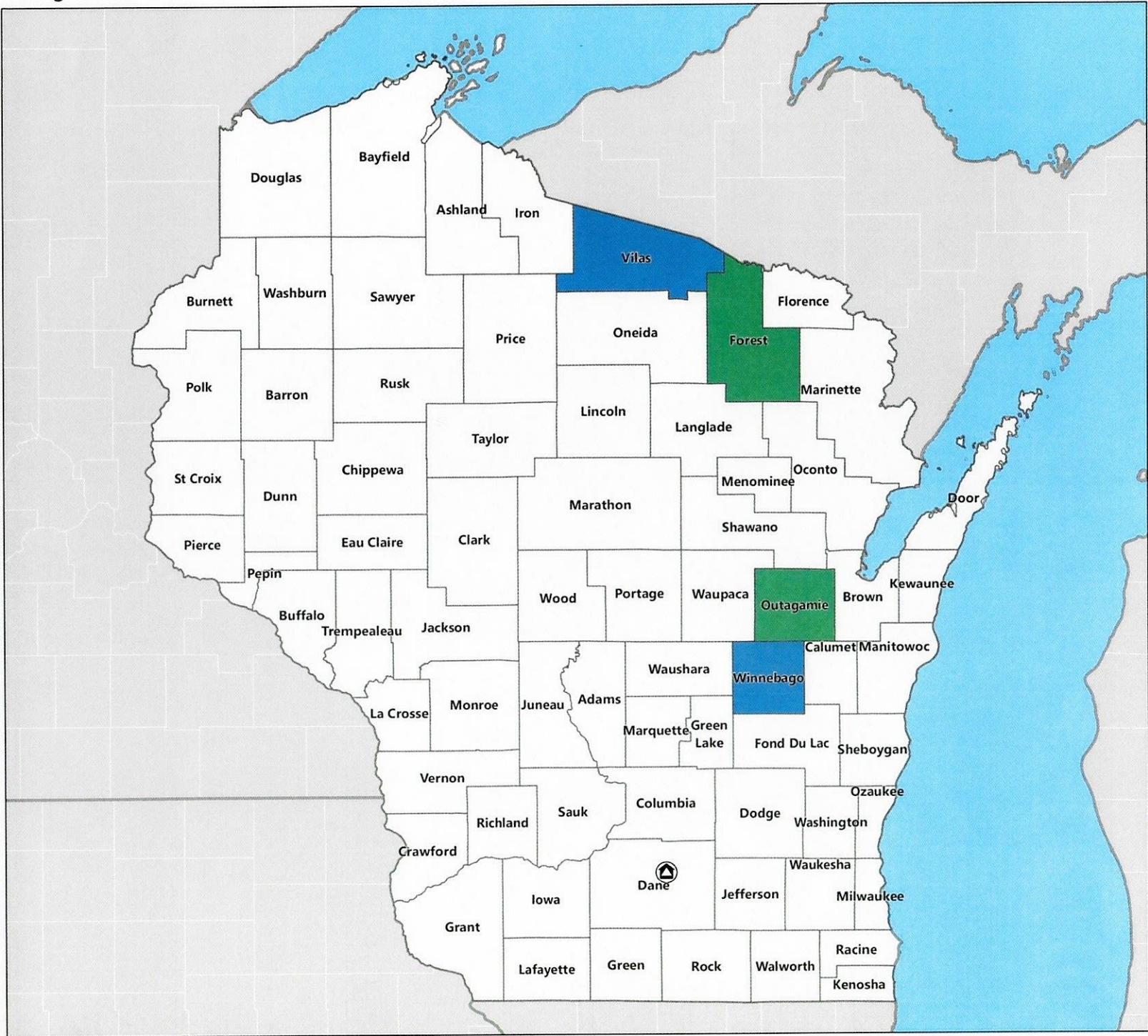
Individuals and families who sustained losses in the designated areas should first file claims with their insurance providers and then apply for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA App. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, provide FEMA the number for that service.

Public Assistance federal funding is available to state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged in Vilas and Winnebago counties.

Hannah Penn has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of further damage assessments.



FEMA-4949-DR-WI - Severe Storms and Tornadoes
Designated Counties as of 10/08/2026



Data Layer / Map Description:
This product illustrates the counties affected by the severe storms and tornadoes occurring in the State of Wisconsin and included in the presidential declaration.

Incident Period: Jul 27, 2026 to Jul 27, 2026
Declared: Oct 07, 2026

Designation

- Individual Assistance (2)
- Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (2)

How to Apply for Assistance

If you are a Wisconsin homeowner or renter in Forest, Outagamie, Vilas or Winnebago counties with uninsured damage to your primary home, personal property loss or disaster-related emergency needs due to the July 27, 2026, storms and tornadoes, you may be able to apply for FEMA assistance.

Insurance

If you have insurance, you should file a claim before applying for FEMA assistance. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If your policy does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

How do I Apply?

The fastest way to apply is online at DisasterAssistance.gov or the Spanish language DisasterAssistance.gov/es. Money may be available to help you with serious needs like hotel costs, displacement costs, basic home repair costs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs.

If you can't apply online, call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

If you were visited by a FEMA assessment team in August, you must still go to DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA helpline to apply for federal assistance. You will need to provide the following information when applying:

- Your contact information (phone number, current mailing address, email address, and damaged home address).
- Your Social Security number.
- A general list of damage and losses.
- Annual household income.
- Banking information if you choose direct deposit.
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.

If you need more information or additional help:

- Download the [FEMA App](#) to complete your application and find other resources.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362 for assistance in multiple languages.

To view an accessible video on how to apply, visit [What You Need to Know Before Applying for FEMA Assistance](#).

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Financial Help After the Disaster

Money is available for basic home repairs, rental of temporary housing and other uninsured expenses resulting from the July 27, 2026, storms and tornadoes in Forest, Outagamie, Vilas, and Winnebago counties. File your insurance claim first, then apply to FEMA.

FEMA Assistance May Include:

- Money you can use to rent temporary housing if you can't return home because of the disaster.
- Money to pay for hotel stays or other temporary lodging.
- Money to help with basic repairs to your home caused by disaster damage.
- An initial, flexible payment so you can purchase items such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions and other immediate needs.
- Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster, books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- Money to help you pay for medical expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness.
- Money to help you pay for funeral or reburial expenses caused by the disaster.
- Money to help you pay for increased or new childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster.
- Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage.
- Money to help people with a disability make repairs to ensure the home is accessible.
- Money to help repair a privately owned road or bridge that provides the only access to the home.

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