

St. Louis City & St. Louis County Recovery Update

For the May 16 Tornadoes and Severe Storms

July 21, 2025

Key Messages

- If you live in **St. Louis City** or **St. Louis County** and sustained damage to your home or personal property in the **May 16** disaster, you can apply for FEMA assistance. The deadline to apply is **August 11, 2025**.
- If the damage is not covered by insurance, FEMA may be able to provide money to help you pay for home repairs, a temporary place to live, essential personal property that was destroyed and other needs. FEMA assistance money does not have to be repaid.
- The fastest way to apply is at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling FEMA at **1-800-621-3362**.

Disaster Recovery Centers

Disaster Recovery Centers with FEMA Individual Assistance and U.S. Small Business Administration staff are helping impacted residents with their disaster assistance applications, answering questions, and uploading required documents. You can visit any Disaster Recovery Center, no matter where you are staying now.

LOCATIONS	HOURS OF OPERATION
Union Tabernacle M.B. Church 626 N. Newstead Ave. St. Louis, MO 63108	Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: Closed
Urban League Entrepreneurship and Women's Business Center 4401 Natural Bridge Ave. St. Louis, MO 63115	Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: Closed
Sumner High School – Parking Lot 4248 Cottage Ave. St. Louis, MO 63113	Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: Closed
St. Louis County Library Mid-County Branch 7821 Maryland Ave. Clayton, MO 63105	Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Closing Permanently: Thursday, July 24
St. Louis County Library Prairie Commons Branch 915 Utz Ln. Hazelwood, MO 63042	Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Closing Permanently: Thursday, July 24



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Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA’s Business Recovery Centers (BRCs) and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) serve as a one-stop shop for disaster assistance. These centers provide in-person support with SBA disaster loan applications, help applicants check their loan status, and offer guidance on funds available to businesses, nonprofits, homeowners, and renters impacted in a declared disaster area.

LOCATIONS	HOURS OF OPERATION
SBA Business Recovery Center St. Louis Community College – Harrison Education Center 3140 Cass Ave. St. Louis, MO 63106	Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Closed
SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center St. Louis County Library – Florissant Valley Branch 195 S New Florissant Rd. Florissant, MO 63031	Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: Closed

New Recovery Programs with the City of St. Louis

- The City of St. Louis has launched new recovery programs to assist residents impacted by the May 16 tornado. These programs address urgent repair needs, provide trusted technical guidance, and protect homeowners from fraud or further damage.
- Four initiatives are underway:
 - Emergency Stabilization
 - Electricity Reconnection
 - Ask an Architect
 - Contractor Registry
 - For details, visit: [New Recovery Programs for St. Louisans](#)
- Visit the City of St. Louis’ [STLRECOVERS.com](#) for more response and recovery resources.

FEMA Assistance May Be Available to Help with Rent

- If you don’t have a safe place to live because of recent disasters in Missouri, you can apply for FEMA Assistance to help you pay for alternate temporary housing.
 - To request assistance to help with rent, homeowners and renters need to contact FEMA by visiting a Disaster Recovery Center or by calling FEMA at **1-800-621-3362**.
 - Rental Assistance may help cover your monthly rent amount, which may include a security deposit. It might not cover all rental expenses.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

The Missouri Department of Labor’s Division of Employment Security is accepting applications for DUA through **Friday, August 8, 2025**. DUA may provide unemployment benefits and reemployment services to individuals who have become unemployed as a direct result of the May 16 disaster. To file a DUA claim online, visit: uinteract.labor.mo.gov/benefits.

To be eligible for DUA, individuals must:

- Provide proof of identity.

- Be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.
- File an application for DUA with local unemployment insurance agency within 60 days of the date of the public announcement of availability of DUA.

Stay in Touch with FEMA

Apply for assistance and stay in touch with FEMA by visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov), calling the FEMA Helpline at **1-800-621-3362**, or visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

- Keep receipts for disaster-related purchases (items to make repairs to home, hotel receipts, etc.).
- Provide contractor estimates for repairs.
- Stay in touch with FEMA about your needs caused by the disaster.

By the Numbers

- FEMA has provided about **\$28 million** to homeowners and renters.
- About **6,700 households** have been approved for assistance.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than **\$7.2 million** in low-interest disaster loans to help homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes recover from the disaster.
 - You can apply for these loans through <https://lending.sba.gov>.

How to Verify Home Ownership or Occupancy

FEMA will ask for proof your home was your primary residence on the day of the May 16 disaster.

Official documents for Homeowners

- The original deed or deed of trust to the property
- A mortgage statement or escrow analysis
- Property tax receipt or property tax bill
- Manufactured home certificate or title

Documents for Renters

- Utility bills, bank or credit card statements
- Written lease agreement
- Rent receipts
- Employer's statement or public official's document

What to Expect After Applying

- A FEMA inspector may contact you to schedule a home inspection.
 - This inspection is required for FEMA to verify damage reported on your application.
 - FEMA inspectors will know your FEMA case number, present their FEMA ID, and never ask for or accept money.
- FEMA will send you a letter by mail or email.
- **Read the letter carefully.** If the letter from FEMA says your application cannot be approved, it **does not** mean you're denied. The letter will explain how to appeal the decision.
- If you have insurance, FEMA will not be able to consider you for assistance until you provide insurance documentation, such as a settlement letter or denial letter.
- You can track your application and upload documents through FEMA's online system. To do this, create an online account by visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov).