

## Disaster Recovery Do's and Don'ts

# Financial Assistance

## Disaster Do's

### File for FEMA Assistance

- ✓ Check FEMA.gov or call the registration hotline: 800-621-3362
- ✓ File a request for Public Assistance (RPA) immediately  
(\*Local Governments and private Non-Profits, only\*)

### Check your Insurance Policies

- ✓ Does your policy include flood insurance?
- ✓ Does FEMA recognize this flood insurance?
- ✓ What are the limitations and exclusions of your policies?
- ✓ Will you need to hire a reputable Public Adjuster firm?

### Consider an SBA Loan

- ✓ Private Non-Profits must apply for an SBA loan BEFORE becoming eligible for FEMA assistance

### Take *time* and *date* stamped photos of your damages

- ✓ Take photos of the damages to your property, both inside and outside
- ✓ Compile photos of your property from before the damages occurred

### Be Prepared to...

- ✓ Prove your identity with a government-issued ID card
- ✓ Prove ownership of your damaged property
- ✓ Prove that you either lived or worked in the damaged property  
(leases, rental receipts, utility bills, etc.)

### Stay Cautious of Fraudulent Offers/Scams

For further assistance,  
contact Mike Martinet at  
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Non-Profits, ONLY\*

Want to Learn More? Check out  
*Fighting with FEMA*, by Mike Martinet

For further information for individuals and families,  
contact a local disaster relief organization or call FEMA at the phone number above.

## Disaster Don'ts

**DO NOT** demolish any structure,  
throw away any personal property,  
or clean up any damage until you  
have taken detailed photos of all  
the damage.

