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## **INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience is pleased to announce FEMA has granted a request to extend the deadline to apply for individual assistance due to the February/March storms for 60 days.

The new deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A Disaster Recovery Center remains open at the County Governmental Building, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz. In-person assistance is available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Residents may also apply online at <https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or using the FEMA app for assistance.

To be eligible, individuals must have suffered storm damages beginning on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> or later, or have expenses related to storm activity. For information on the FEMA Individual Assistance process, go to <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/OR3/Emergency.aspx>.