

Rumford Citizens:

The Oxford County Emergency Management Agency is asking towns in Oxford County to collect private citizen primary home damage in the municipalities in hope of being able to request FEMA teams to review citizen damages at some point in the near future. If we are able to present enough information on private damages, FEMA teams will visit homes with major damage in the most logical and expedient order, focusing on destroyed or major damage first. This would be to assess if we qualify for federal assistance for private citizens in Oxford County. We encourage all citizens with home insurance to make an insurance claim in the meantime, that is the first step to any assistance is to be able to show all other resources have been exhausted.

**OCEMA is asking that those with damage to their private home provide the following information so Oxford County can be assessed by FEMA to see if our citizens qualify for any assistance through FEMA.**

**We need the following information:**

1. **Citizen Name**
2. **Citizen Primary Home Address where damage to home occurred**
3. **Citizen Contact Phone Number**
4. **Brief statement of damages at their home**
5. **Photographs of the damage incurred at homes are necessary for this assessment (please label with address or citizen name)**

**Please do your best to get us this information by 4pm on Friday, December 29, 2023.** You may submit by email to [town@rumfordme.org](mailto:town@rumfordme.org) or deliver in person in an envelope marked “**Private Rumford Citizen Primary Home Damage Information**”.

In addition to our collection of contact information and a brief statement, we ask that citizens also report damages through the state reporting tool if possible. Here is the link to the Individual Assistance Grant Program page on Maine EMAs website:

<https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants/individual-assistance-grant-program>

And here is the direct link to the Individual Damage Assessment form: [Maine Individual Damage Assessment form](#) (link), dialing 211 is also available for citizens to report private home damage if they are uncomfortable with electronic reporting methods.

This is a lot to ask in a short amount of time, but it is essential to being able to provide the information necessary to be considered for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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