

Alabama Counties Added for Federal Disaster Assistance Due to April Tornadoes

MONTGOMERY—Governor Robert Bentley today has been informed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that Escambia county has been added to the counties designated for disaster assistance to households as part of Alabama's federal disaster declaration. This addition brings the total of number of counties designated to 43.

“Adding Escambia County to the list of federal disaster counties will enable the citizens on Escambia county the maximum financial resources needed to rebuild their lives,” said Governor Robert Bentley.

Counties previously designated for Individual Assistance are Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Shelby, Sumter, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington, Walker and Winston.

“We are confident the federal assistance provided by FEMA will help Escambia county families rebuild and recover,” said AEMA Director Art Faulkner. “It is important for residents to start the registration process as quickly as possible.”

Perry and Greene counties have also been added to the 31 counties eligible for FEMA Public Assistance funds for permanent work. The categories of work covered under this eligibility are repairs to roads, bridges, and other public facilities.

All 67 Alabama counties are eligible for FEMA assistance with debris removal due to April tornadoes as well as reimbursement for emergency protective measures taken during the storms.

Affected survivors and business owners in all designated counties should apply for assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free registration number, 800-621-FEMA (3362). The hearing or speech impaired can use the TTY line at 800-462-7585. The registration lines are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., local time. An application may also be completed online by going to www.disasterassistance.gov.

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