

DAMAGE CATEGORIES

DESTROYED

- * Structure is not economically feasible to repair.
- * Structure is permanently uninhabitable.
- * Complete failure of major structural components (e.g., collapse of basement walls/foundation, walls, or roof).
- * Only foundation remains.
- * Two or more walls destroyed and roof substantially damaged.
- * House pushed off foundation.
- * An unaffected structure that will require removal or demolition (*e.g., homes in imminent danger due to impending landslides, mudslides, or sinkholes; beachfront homes that must be removed due to local ordinance violations as a result of beach erosion*).

MAJOR

- * Substantial failure of structural elements of the residence (e.g., walls, roof, floors, foundation, etc.).
- * Has more than 50% damage to structure.
- * One foot or more of water on the first floor (of a home with basement).

MINOR

- * Property is damaged but usable.
- * Structure may be uninhabitable and require temporary repairs to be usable.
- * Windows or doors blown in.
- * One foot or more of water/sewer backup in basement (i.e., furnace, water heater damage).
- * Has less than 50% damage to structure.

AFFECTED

- * Structure does not need temporary repairs to be usable.
- * Water in crawlspace. Low water in basement.
- * Landscaping may be affected (trees down, debris, etc.)
- * Access to property may be hampered.

INACCESSIBLE

- * Inaccessible by normal means, due to disaster-related road closures (e.g., bridge out, road flooded or blocked by landslide, mudslide, severe erosion, washed out, etc.).
- * If a home or group of homes is inaccessible due to damage to a road or bridge, the number of affected households should be included in the damage assessment. Need to determine if the damaged bridge or road is maintained privately or by local government.