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Winter Storm Hernando – Report Damage for Potential Federal Assistance

Last week's winter storm significantly impacted Edgartown, causing historical snowfall, power outages, coastal flooding and infrastructure damage. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is initiating the Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) process to determine whether the Commonwealth and its communities may be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance under a Presidential disaster declaration as a result of the February 22-23, 2026, Winter Storm "Hernando." For this storm, MEMA is seeking to determine eligibility to request Public Assistance (PA) program funding, including snow assistance, Individual Assistance, and Small Business Administration programs for some Massachusetts counties.

To be eligible, the Commonwealth and be impacted counties must meet certain fiscal and impact thresholds. Determining eligibility is a multi-step process and we are now engaging the first step: Initial Damage Assessments (IDAs). IDAs are used to gather high-level cost estimates for work and activities undertaken by communities in response to the storm and determine whether there is a basis for engaging in the second step of the eligibility process -formal FEMA/State Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs. By requesting IDA information from communities, MEMA

This does not state or guarantee that federal disaster assistance will be provided; rather, it serves as the formal initiation of the eligibility determination process.

Individuals and Businesses:

MEMA is using an on-line IDA survey that impacted residents and business owners can complete directly. This information will be used to determine whether the Commonwealth may be eligible to request federal disaster assistance under the Individual Assistance or Small Business Administration programs and whether there is a basis for engaging in the second step of the eligibility process – formal FEMA/State Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs).

The form can be accessed at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/g/W7V1kzB3wk>

MEMA will be accepting submissions until 03/06/26