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Individual Assistance Damage Assessment Level Guidelines

Damage Definitions	General Description	Things to Look For	Water Levels
DESTROYED Structure is a total loss. <i>Not economically feasible to rebuild.</i>	DESTROYED Structure leveled above the foundation or second floor is gone. Foundation or basement is significantly damaged.	DESTROYED Structure leveled or has major shifting off its foundation or only the foundation remains. Roof is gone, with noticeable distortion to walls.	DESTROYED More than 4 feet in first floor. More than 2 feet in mobile home.
MAJOR Structure is currently uninhabitable. Extensive repairs are necessary to make habitable. <i>Will take more than 30 days to repair.</i>	MAJOR Walls collapsed. Exterior frame damaged. Roof off or collapsed. Major damage to utilities; furnace, water heater, well, septic system.	MAJOR Portions of the roof and decking are missing. Twisted, bowed, cracked, or collapsed walls. Structure penetrated by large foreign object, such as a tree. Damaged foundation.	MAJOR 2 to 4 feet in first floor without basement. 1 foot or more in first floor with basement. 6 inches to 2 feet in mobile home with plywood floors. 1 inch in mobile home with particle board floors.
MINOR Structure is damaged and uninhabitable. Minor repairs are necessary to make habitable. <i>Will take less than 30 days to repair.</i>	MINOR Interior flooring / exterior walls with minor damage. Tree(s) fallen on structure. Smoke damage. Shingles / roof ties moved or missing.	MINOR Many missing shingles, broken windows and doors. Loose or missing siding. Minor shifting or settling of foundation. Minor damage to septic system.	MINOR 2 inches to 2 feet in first floor without basement. 1 foot or more in basement. Crawlspace - reached insulation. Sewage - in basement. Mobile home, "Belly Board" to 6 inches.
AFFECTED HABITABLE Structure has received minimal damage and is <i>habitable without repairs.</i>	AFFECTED HABITABLE Chimney or porch damaged. Carpet on first floor soaked. Broken windows.	AFFECTED HABITABLE Few missing shingles, some broken windows. Damage to air conditioning units / etc. Some minor basement flooding.	AFFECTED HABITABLE Less than 2 inches in first floor. Minor basement flooding. Mobile home, no water in "Belly Board."

IDA Tips: Estimating Water Depths

- Brick - 2 1/2 inches per course
- Concrete or cinder block - 8 inches per course
- Lap or aluminum siding - 4 inches or 8 inches per course
- Door knobs - 36 inches above floor
- Stair risers - 7 inches
- Standard doors - 6 feet 8 inches