

MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
**CRITERIA FOR REPORTING STRUCTURAL DAMAGES**

The following criteria should be used to evaluate and report structural damages to single family home and mobile homes. The criteria are identical to those criteria currently being used by FEMA personnel when conducting the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) process in conjunction with state and local representatives. The data obtained from the PDA is used as the basis for supporting the Governor's request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration and for determining eligibility for Individual Assistance as defined in the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, Public Law 93-228, as amended.*

**DESTROYED**

- The structure is permanently uninhabitable.
- The structure cannot be repaired.
- The structure was flooded by more than 4 feet of water in a single-family dwelling or apartment and by more than 1 foot of water in a mobile home.

**MAJOR DAMAGE**

- The structure is currently uninhabitable.
- The structure will require major repairs to restore habitability.
- The structure was flooded by 2 to 4 feet of water in a single-family dwelling and from 6 inches to 1 foot of water in a mobile home.

**MINOR DAMAGE**

- The structure is currently uninhabitable.
- The structure will require minor repairs to restore habitability.
- The structure was flooded by less than 6 inches of water in either a single-family dwelling or mobile home.

**AFFECTED**

- The structure is currently habitable.
- The damage is limited to cosmetic damage, e.g., missing shingles, etc. generally totaling less than \$100.

This information should be acquired as quickly as possible following an event to (1) determine the immediate level of assistance required at the local level and (2) to provide creditable damage assessment information to the state for supporting impact assessment and disaster assistance requirements. The information should be entered onto the MEMA DR-1 and subsequent DR-2 Damage reporting forms (attached). Fax the DR's to MEMA at (601) 352-8314 or call the MEMA Operations Center at (601) 352-9100 to file a verbal damage report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- DAMAGE REPORT INSTRUCTION SHEETS (2)
- DR-1 - INITIAL DISASTER REPORT
- DR-2 - SITUATION REPORT
- DR-3 - PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
- DR-4 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY

