

# Trump declares Alabama major disaster area after March tornadoes

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President Donald Trump on Thursday declared Alabama a major disaster area after storms and tornadoes ripped across the state the night of March 19, according to U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt.

The declaration triggers the release of federal funds to help the affected communities repair and rebuild their damaged homes and facilities.

Residents in Calhoun, Cullman and Etowah County will be eligible to apply for individual assistance. Damaged facilities in Calhoun, Cullman, Etowah and St. Clair counties will be eligible for public assistance for emergency work and repair funds.

More information on assistance can be found [here](#).

Individuals in Calhoun, Cullman and Etowah Counties can register with FEMA online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by phone at 1-800-621-3362. Those with speech disability or hearing loss should call 1-800-462-7585.

The National Weather Service confirmed 15 tornadoes touched down in north and central Alabama the night of March 19.

One of them was a strong, long-track storm that produced three separate tornadoes, including an EF-3 that did considerable damage in the Jacksonville area.



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