When disaster strikes, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency is there. Working with local, state and federal partners, GEMA/HS coordinates efforts throughout the preparedness, response and recovery process.

Following a disaster, re-entry will be limited in order to prevent additional loss of life during response and recovery. Re-entry permits are issued by GEMA/HS to control the number of people returning to the affected area.

**FIVE DISASTER RE-ENTRY PHASES**

1. Render Safe Task Force Team Entry
2. Emergency Response and Life Safety Workforce Re-Entry
3. Essential Public and Private Sector Personnel Re-Entry
4. Local Residents, Property Owners, and Business Owners
5. Open to Public with Limited Access

**RE-ENTRY PERMITS ARE ONLY ISSUED FOR PHASE 2 & PHASE 3 OF THE RE-ENTRY PROCESS**

**WHAT YOU NEED ONCE RE-ENTRY PERMITS ARE RECEIVED**

Upon receipt of a re-entry permit application, GEMA/HS issues electronic re-entry permits to pre-identified organizations, agencies or companies that may deploy emergency response/life safety workforce and essential public/private sector personnel.

- Personnel entering should be prepared to present a State of Georgia Disaster Re-Entry Permit, employee credentials (marked vehicle, ID Badge, etc.), valid state-issued identification card.
- Approved individuals working as contractors or subcontractors for an organization or business are also required to have an employer authorization letter.
- Residents and individuals attempting to gain access during this phase will be expected to present valid state-issued photo identification that includes an address in the impacted area; or, valid state-issued photo identification along with a property deed, recent utility bill verifying an address, current voter registration card, recent property tax statement, business credential, or pay stub from a local business.
- Local officials will determine that a county or portions of the county are relatively safe for entrance by the general public. Restrictions may remain in place for a period of time limiting access to daylight hours.

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