



# DISASTER RE-ENTRY PERMIT PROCESS

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 recover. Re-entry permits are issued by GEMA/HS to control the number of people returning to the affected area.

## FIVE DISASTER RE-ENTRY PHASES



**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/HA 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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