



## Individual Assistance Damage Assessment Level Guidelines

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

### IDA Tips: Estimating Water Depths

Brick - 2 1/2 inches per course

Lap or aluminum siding - 4 inches or 8 inches per course

Stair risers - 7 inches

Concrete or cinder block - 8 inches per course

Door knobs - 36 inches above floor

Standard doors - 6 feet 8 inches

Additional information is available at [www.VAEmergency.com](http://www.VAEmergency.com)

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