### Quick Reference Guide for Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment

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<td><strong>Affected</strong></td>
<td>This category includes dwellings with minimal damage to structure and/or contents and the home is habitable without repairs.</td>
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| **Minor**          | Minor damage exists when the home is damaged and uninhabitable, but may be made habitable in less than 30 days. Some of the items that determine minor damage are listed below:  
- Windows or doors unsecured (damaged)  
- Damage to functional components (i.e. furnace, water heater, HVAC, etc.) | * Three to eighteen inches of water in an occupied or required room  
* Damage, or disaster related contamination, to private well or septic system. Note: If water has remained in structure for more than a day, more extensive damage may have occurred. Watch for foundation damage. | Windows or doors unsecured (damaged) May be made habitable in less than 30 days. |
| **Major**          | Major damage exists when the home has sustained structural or significant damages, is uninhabitable and requires extensive repairs. Any one of the following may constitute major damage:  
- Failure of structural elements of the residence (e.g., walls, roof, floors, foundation, etc.) that are repairable  
- Damage to dwelling that will take more than 30 days to repair (not to include contractor delays or availability of materials) | * Eighteen inches or more of water on the first floor or water that cover electrical outlets  
* Homes with a basement may be considered for major damage if the water level has compromised the structural integrity of the home. Note: If water has remained in structure for more than a day, more extensive damage may have occurred watch for extensive wall and foundation damage. | Substantial roofing elements damaged or missing (e.g., roof decking, trusses/framing), damage to windows, doors, exterior walls, interior wind damage, rain/water damage, extensive debris and utility problems. Damage to dwelling that will take more than 30 days to repair (not to include contractor delays or availability of materials) |
| **Destroyed**      | Destroyed means the structure is a total loss. Any one of the following may constitute a status of destroyed:  
- Structure is permanently uninhabitable  
- Complete failure of two or more major structural components (e.g., collapse of basement walls/foundation, walls, or roof)  
- Condemned structure that will require demolition or removal by local or government because of disaster-related health and safety concerns  
- An unaffected structure that will require removal or demolition by local or county government because of a confirmed imminent danger (e.g., impending landslides, mudslides, or sinkholes) | Complete failure of two or more major structural components (e.g., collapse of basement walls/foundation, walls, or roof) (for instance, pushed off the foundation). Note: Depth, velocity, and duration of water in and around the structure may have a significant impact on degree of damage. | * Only foundation remains on two or more walls destroyed and roof substantially damaged or destroyed |

*Definitions taken from entitled "Preliminary Damage Assessment for Individual Assistance Operations Manual (9327.2-PR)" dated July 18, 2012 Region V*