

STRUCTURE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES			
Definitions:	General Description:	Things to look for:	Water Levels:
DESTROYED=4	DESTROYED	DESTROYED	DESTROYED
Structure is a total loss. Not economically feasible to rebuild	Structure leveled above foundation, second floor gone or foundation significantly damaged	Structure leveled, or has major shifting from foundation; roof gone with notable distortion to walls	More than 4 feet in first floor or more than 2 feet in a mobile home
MAJOR=3	MAJOR	MAJOR	MAJOR
Structure currently uninhabitable – needs major repairs. Will likely take more than 30 days to repair	Walls collapsed, exterior frame damaged, roof off or collapsed. Major damage to utilities	Portions of the roof and decking gone. Twisted, bowed, cracked, or collapsed walls. Structure penetrated by trees, etc.	2’-4’ in first floor w/o basement; 1’ or more in 1 st floor w/ basement. 6” to 2’ in mobile home w/ plywood floor, 1” w/ particle board floor
MINOR=2	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
Structure damaged and uninhabitable. Minor repairs necessary to make it habitable. Will take less than 30 days to repair	Interior flooring/ exterior walls with minor damage. Tree(s) fallen on structure. Smoke damage. Shingles or roof tiles missing	Mainly missing shingles, broken windows and doors. Loose or missing siding. Minor shifting or settling of foundation. Minor damage to septic system	2” to 2’ in 1 st floor without basement; 1’ or more in basement. Reached insulation in crawl space; sewage in basement. Mobile home ‘belly board’ to 6”
Affected Habitable=1	Affected Habitable	Affected Habitable	Affected Habitable
Structure received minimal damage, and is habitable without repairs	Chimney or porch damaged. Carpet on first floor soaked. Broken windows.	Few missing shingles; some broken windows; damage to a/c units, etc. minor basement flooding	Less than 2” in first floor; minor basement flooding. Mobile home – no water in “belly board”