

**Flint Water Settlement Next Steps:  
Update from the Special Master – January 26, 2026**

1. Payments continue to be issued in stages. At this point, only individuals who have a residential property damage claim and no other claim are receiving payment. When your claim is ready for payment, you will be notified.
2. The initial distribution group included 7,190 claimants.
3. The next group of property claims ready for payment was issued January 20, 2026.
4. After that group, we anticipate that another larger group will be released for payment in 2-3 weeks. This group will include property awards for people who have also qualified for an injury award.
5. After that we will issue payments for property claims where two or more individuals have qualified for the same property. In this situation, the settlement requires that that award for the property be divided among the approved individuals.
6. As of January 16, 2026, 26,231 individuals have approved claims. Some individuals have been approved for more than one payment – such as a property claim and an injury claim, or multiple property claims. Of the total individuals approved for payment, 13,196 were minors at the time of the water crisis, and 13,035 were adults (or businesses).
7. If you currently have a claim on appeal, the remaining appeals are still being reviewed and you will receive a decision as soon as possible.

**What should you do now:**

1. Keep your contact information current. **Call your attorney or Epiq at 1-888-893-7470 with all changes.**
2. Watch for your payment Award Notice. An Award Notice is required for payment. The Award Notice will be sent by mail or email from your attorney or the payment administrator. You **must** have an Award Notice (letter) to log onto the Flint Payment portal.
3. When you receive an Award Notice, you may elect the form of payment. The fastest and most secure way to receive payment is by electronic transfer.
4. Your letter will come from your lawyer if you have retained an individual lawyer. If you have not retained an individual lawyer, your letter will come directly from the payment administrator.
5. The letter will give you instructions on how to log onto the Flint Payment Portal and what to do once there.

6. If you cannot log onto the Flint Payment Portal or need help logging in, call 1-888-893-7470.
7. If you need a check payment, you can make that election on the Flint Payment Portal and you will be able to pick up your check when it is ready.
8. You will be able to pick up your check. The payment administrator will notify you via e-mail or phone when your check is available for pick up and will give you the location, date, and available times for pick up.
9. Ignore rumors. Only trust official updates.
10. If you are the legal representative (Next Friend) of a minor claimant, you will be receiving documentation that will preserve the funds for the benefit of the minor child. There are two options: payments for minors will be made either to the court approved pooled trust or a structured settlement. Information about these options is available [HERE](#).
11. If you are the legal representative of a minor or an incapacitated adult, you may want to consider the Special Needs Pooled Trust. For information about the Special Needs Pooled Trust, click [HERE](#). Please notify the Special Master if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss the Special Needs Trust. Contact information is below.
12. Information to assist individuals whose family member may have submitted a claim to the Flint water settlement but who has passed away since the time the claim was submitted is available [HERE](#).

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