

# **FEMA Best Practices for Capturing High-Quality Photos**



The Applicant provides FEMA with not only pre-disaster photos, but also damage-specific photos after an event occurs. To provide the best photos to FEMA an Applicant should follow these best practices:

- Take photos from multiple angles.
- Use landmarks for perspective.
- Include a measuring tool with pictures to provide scale.
- Ensure there is sufficient lighting to allow others to see damage accurately.
- Attempt to take photos on the inside of culverts.
- Maintain a descriptive list of the photos, including latitude and longitude coordinates and perspective to use as a reference.

*The information above is from [FEMA's IS-1006: Documenting Disaster Damage and Developing Project Files](#) course.*

