THE COST TO RECOVER

Natural disasters strike year-round, leaving homeowners and communities reeling from the damage. In fact, 2017 was one of the costliest years on record, with a price tag of at least $306 billion. Natural disasters can strike overnight but the recovery process can last weeks, months, even years. Understanding how federal, state, and local legislators work in conjunction with community members after disaster strikes can help communities recover better and help prepare for the next one.

Billion-Dollar Disaster Events by Year

- 2000: 50th Anniversary of the Federal Disaster Relief Act
  - 2003: A New Way to Coordinate Disaster Response
  - 2005: Federal Government Learns from Mistakes
  - 2008: Disaster Preparedness for All Types of Homeowners
  - 2012: Pulling Federal Levers to Rebuild
  - 2017: Expedient and Aggressive Federal Response
  - 2018: Courts Ensure Victims Get Help

Endnotes:
1. https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/time-series

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