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## South Carolina Survivors Have Two Weeks Left to Apply for Disaster Assistance

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (Tuesday, Nov. 29)** – Just two weeks remain for Hurricane Matthew survivors in South Carolina to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and submit disaster loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

**The last day for survivors to register for federal disaster assistance is Tuesday, December 13.**

Survivors can register online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or by phone at **800-621-3362** (voice, 711 or video relay service) or **800-462-7585** (TTY). The toll-free lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.

Disaster assistance from FEMA may include grants for homeowners or renters to help pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacement and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources.

The SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes (including landlords), private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters. SBA loans help fund repair or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

**The last day to file an SBA disaster loan application for physical damage is Tuesday, Dec. 13.**

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) from the SBA are available to small businesses and private-nonprofits to assist with working capital needs as a direct result of the disaster.

**The last day to apply for an EIDL loan from the SBA is July 12, 2017.**

Survivors should register now with FEMA even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance benefits, but it may be able to help with uninsured or under-insured losses.

Flood insurance policyholders who have questions about their flood insurance policy and coverage should call the National Flood Insurance Program at **800-621-3362 (Option 2)** between **9 a.m.** and **7 p.m.** Monday through Friday. Specialists can help with service claims, provide general information regarding polices and offer technical assistance to aid in recovery.

After registering for disaster assistance, Hurricane Matthew survivors with questions may call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (voice, 711 or video relay service) or **800-462-7585** (TTY). Callers also may check the status of the application, update their contact information or respond to a letter from FEMA.

Hurricane Matthew survivors in South Carolina may qualify for federal assistance if they live in one of these disaster-designated counties: **Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg.**

For more information about the disaster recovery operation, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4286](http://fema.gov/disaster/4286) or the South Carolina Emergency Management Division at [scemd.org/recovery-section/ia](http://scemd.org/recovery-section/ia).

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*All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).*

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*The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.*