

Deadline to Register for Federal Disaster Assistance Approaching

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SIOUX FALLS, SD – The deadline for residents with damage from the September severe storms, tornadoes and flooding to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency is **Friday, January 31, 2020**.

Since the Nov. 18 declaration, more than **\$12.2 million** in federal disaster assistance has been provided to eligible applicants in 12 counties and two reservations, including more than **\$4.6 million** in FEMA grant funding and over **\$7.6 million** in SBA disaster loans.

Although the disaster recovery centers in South Dakota have closed, homeowners and renters with disaster-related damage in designated counties and reservations can still register with FEMA until the deadline by visiting us online at DisasterAssistance.gov or calling the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** or **TTY: 800-462-7585**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Help is available in most languages.

After the deadline you will still be able to contact the FEMA helpline and website to ask questions, update your information and get other help regarding your registration.

January 31 is also the deadline for businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters with property damage to apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of long-term federal funds for disaster recovery.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or visit SBA at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.



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