One Week Remains to Apply for Disaster Assistance

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – One week remains for South Carolina homeowners, renters and businesses to apply for federal disaster assistance if they had property damage or losses caused by the April 13 storms.

The deadline to register for assistance from FEMA and to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the

U.S. Small Business Administration is Tuesday, June 30.

To date, more than \$7.5 million in federal disaster assistance has been approved for April 13 storm survivors. This includes FEMA grants and low-interest disaster loans from the SBA.

Survivors should register even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but eligible homeowners and renters may be able to receive FEMA grants for losses not covered by insurance to help pay for basic home repairs, temporary rental assistance and other needs such as replacing personal property.

Survivors in Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg and Pickens counties have until Tuesday, June 30 to apply for federal disaster help.

Register for assistance in one of three ways:

- Online by logging onto <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>
- The **FEMA app**. Visit: <u>fema.gov/mobile-app</u> or your phone's app store.
- Call **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. Language translators also are available. Toll-free numbers are open daily from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** Multilingual operators are available.



Survivors who have questions about SBA low-interest disaster loans may contact the Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 or TTY 800-877-8339, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TDD call 800-462-7585.

