

September 30 is Last Day to Apply for Federal Assistance

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MIDLAND, Mich. — Mid-Michigan survivors of the May 16-22 severe storms and flooding have just one day left to register for disaster assistance with FEMA and apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loan.

Applications must be received by **11:59 p.m. ET Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020**, to be considered for assistance.

Registration and disaster information is still available by calling the FEMA helpline, going online or using the FEMA mobile app, as follows:

- Call **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**). The toll-free numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.
- Go online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Download the [FEMA App](#).

The end of the registration period does not mean FEMA is leaving. The Agency will continue working with the **Michigan Department of State Police/Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division** to help survivors and communities in their long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Once you've registered, it's important to stay in touch with FEMA to track your application or to notify the agency of changes to your mailing or email addresses or phone numbers, and to report insurance settlements, ongoing unmet needs or additional damage you may have discovered.

FEMA staff may contact you for various reasons, including to discuss your case or request additional information. Answer those phone calls to make sure your application process continues. If you are in any doubt when receiving a call from someone stating they work for FEMA, do not give out any information, but call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. ET to verify the



call is legitimate.

The SBA helps businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

To apply for a low-interest disaster loan **before the Sept. 30 deadline**, complete an online application at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/. To reach an SBA Customer Service Representative directly call **800-659-2955**. Email questions to FOCE-Help@sba.gov. For more information, visit sba.gov/.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs.

If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.

English: www.fema.gov/disaster/4547

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