

Floridians Have 30 Days Remaining to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Homeowners and renters who suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Irma have until Nov. 9 to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible federal disaster assistance.

The 30-day registration timeframe is fast approaching for survivors to apply for disaster assistance from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Survivors of Hurricane Irma have 60 days from the Sept. 10 date of disaster declaration to apply for Individual Assistance.

Anyone who sustained a loss in any of the 48 Individual Assistance-designated Florida counties should register before the deadline even if they have insurance.

Federal disaster assistance may help eligible applicants with temporary housing, disaster-related uninsured personal property losses, medical, dental and funeral expenses, along with other disaster-related expenses and serious needs.

Survivors must register with FEMA to be considered for federal disaster assistance even if they have contacted the state, their local emergency management agency, the American Red Cross or other charitable organizations.

The quickest way to apply for federal assistance is online at www.disasterassistance.gov or through a smartphone or tablet at www.fema.gov/apply-assistance.

Survivors may also apply by phone at **800-621-3362** for voice, 711 and Video Relay Service (VRS). If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585**. Information on the registration process is available in American Sign Language at: fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/videos/111546.

Next to insurance, SBA low-interest disaster loans are the survivor's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged property.

Low-interest disaster loans from the SBA are also available to help with residential and business losses not covered by insurance. Businesses of all sizes, homeowners, and renters may obtain information on SBA disaster loan applications by calling **800-659-2955** or online at www.SBA.gov. For those who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call **800-877-8339**. They may also apply for disaster loans at www.disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

Get more information by visiting www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL and [FEMA's Facebook page](#), and by following [@FEMARegion4 on Twitter](#).

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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 TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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