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TWO WEEKS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

TRENTON, N.J. — Hurricane Sandy survivors who had storm-related damages in New Jersey have just two weeks left to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Federal disaster assistance applications are due by Monday, April 1.

April 1 is also the deadline to return applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration for low-interest disaster loans, which is the primary source of federal funds for long-term rebuilding. Survivors can apply for an SBA disaster home or business loans by filling out an online application at <u>DisasterLoan.SBA.gov/ela</u>.

Survivors who applied for federal disaster assistance are urged to stay in touch with FEMA and SBA. Applicants should notify FEMA and SBA of changes to their mailing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses.

Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, via smartphone or tablet at <u>m.fema.gov</u>. They also can call **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call **800-621-3362**. Recovery assistants remain available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

There are nine disaster recovery centers open in Atlantic, Cape May, Hudson, Monmouth and Ocean counties. FEMA staff is available at the centers to provide clarification to letters, assist survivors with finding a temporary home if their primary residence was damaged or destroyed, check on the status of applications for assistance or refer survivors to other agencies that may provide additional help. Survivors can locate their nearest center by going to <u>FEMA.gov/DRC</u>.

Survivors can ask questions about their SBA disaster home or business loan applications by calling **800-659-2955** or **TTY 800-877-8339** or emailing <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u>.

Additional resources are available online at <u>FEMA.gov/SandyNJ</u> and <u>SBA.gov/Sandy.</u>

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