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## **FIVE DAYS REMAIN TO REGISTER FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN NEW JERSEY**

**TRENTON, N.J.**— Hurricane Sandy survivors in New Jersey have five days remaining to register for recovery assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Survivors can register by phone until 10 p.m. March 1 or online until midnight.

March 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. The quickest way to apply for an SBA disaster home or business loan is to fill out an online application at [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).

New Jerseyans 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.

To date, more than \$361.7 million in grants has been approved for home repairs or replacement, rental assistance and other needs. Another \$495.7 million in SBA low-interest disaster loans has been approved for nearly 7,300 homes and businesses.

Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), via web-enabled phone or tablet at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov) until midnight March 1. 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.

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 [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

Additional resources are available online at [FEMA.gov/SandyNJ](http://FEMA.gov/SandyNJ) and [SBA.gov/Sandy](http://SBA.gov/Sandy).

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*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 loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.*