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NEW JERSEYANS HAVE FIVE DAYS TO REGISTER FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE

TRENTON, N.J. — Superstorm Sandy survivors who had storm-related damages in New Jersey have just five days left to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Residents must register for disaster assistance by midnight (EDT), May 1.

Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at DisasterAssistance.gov, via smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov. 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**.

May 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 loan by filling out an online application at DisasterLoan.SBA.gov/ela by midnight, May 1.

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.

Residents are reminded that the disaster recovery center in Hudson County transitions today, April 26, and reopens Monday, April 29 as an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center. The DRC in Cape May County will transition Saturday, April 27, and reopen Monday, April 29 as an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center.

Four DRCs will continue to operate. They are located in the counties of Ocean, Monmouth and Atlantic. Survivors can locate the address of their nearest center by going to FEMA.gov/DRC or by calling 800-621-3362.

FEMA staff is available at the disaster recovery 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.

As of April 23, more than \$388 million in grants has been approved for home repairs or replacement, rental assistance and other needs. Another \$734.4 million in SBA low-interest disaster loans has been approved for more than 11,300 homes and businesses.

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For more information about the SBA, call the SBA Customer Service Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EDT) Monday through Friday, at **1-800-659-2955**. Survivors may apply online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants also may visit the SBA Web site at sba.gov/services/disasterassistance or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

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

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