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Thirty Days Left to Register with FEMA, SBA

COLUMBUS, Ohio – If you suffered damage from the tornadoes, straight line winds, storms and landslides that struck Ohio May 27-29 and you live in one of the eleven designated counties – Montgomery, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Perry, Muskingum, Pickaway, Mahoning, Auglaize, Hocking and Darke – you have only 30 days left to register with FEMA or to apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration for physical property damage. **The registration deadline is August 19.**

Disaster survivors who register for assistance with FEMA may be eligible for grants to help pay for a wide range of needs including renting a place to live until their primary residence can be repaired, repairing or replacing a disaster damaged essential vehicle, repairing occupational specialized tools, replacing essential personal property like a student's computer, paying for increased childcare costs and/or disaster-related medical or dental needs not covered by insurance.

Some survivors may have more significant damage and will need a larger amount of money to help with their recovery. For those situations, a low-interest disaster loan from the SBA may be the best option.

These loans are the primary source of funds for repairs to homes and businesses and/or for replacement of personal property after a disaster. Renters and homeowners may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace clothing, furniture, cars and appliances damaged or destroyed in this disaster. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to pay for structural repairs to their primary residence or rebuilding a house. Businesses and private, non-profits may borrow up to \$2 million both for physical repairs and economic injury.

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Registration with FEMA is quick and easy:

- Go online to www.disasterassistance.gov/.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are on duty.
- Use FEMA's disaster app on your smartphone. If you haven't downloaded the app yet, you can go to www.fema.gov/mobile-app.

For more information about SBA loans:

- Call SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955**. Individuals who are deaf or low hearing may call **800-877-8339**.
- Email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- Visit www.sba.gov/disaster.
- Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov.

Remember: if you are a disaster survivor resident in one of the 11 designated counties and could use some federal assistance, you must **register with FEMA and/or the SBA before August 19**.

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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. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585. All Disaster Recovery Centers are physically accessible and equipped to accommodate disaster survivors who need communication access. If you require an accommodation (ASL interpreter, Braille, Large print, etc.) while visiting a Disaster Recovery Center, just ask a FEMA representative.