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# News Release

## **Georgians: Tuesday, Nov. 14, is the Last Day to Register with FEMA for Hurricane Irma Damage**

**WARNER ROBINS, Ga.** — Tomorrow, **Nov. 14**, is the **last day** to register for federal disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) if you were affected by Hurricane Irma in **Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Coffee, Glynn, Liberty** and **McIntosh** counties.

Registering is a very important first step to getting help. Once you apply with FEMA, you may be eligible for federal grants to help, among other things, pay for emergency home repairs or temporary housing. FEMA grants do not have to be repaid, are nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Once registered with FEMA, some survivors will be referred the U.S. Small Business Administration for a low-interest disaster loan. SBA Loans are the main source of federal long-term recovery funding for disaster-related losses. Homeowners can apply up to **\$200,000** to repair or replace their damaged primary residence. Homeowners and renters can apply up to **\$40,000** to repair or replace damaged personal property, including automobiles. Businesses of all sizes may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster damaged real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory and other business assets.

The quickest way to register is online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or by using the FEMA mobile app. You can also call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (Voice, 711 or VRS) or **800-462-7585** (TTY). The toll-free numbers are open from **7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET**, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available. Press 2 for Spanish; press 3 for other languages.

Even if you applied with another agency or organization, you must register with FEMA to access federal disaster assistance. If you have questions about the process of registering with FEMA, call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. If you have questions about low-interest **SBA disaster loans**, call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or **800-877-8339** (TTY/TDD) or send an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

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Don't wait to apply! The FEMA registration period ends tomorrow (Nov. 14).

For updates on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4338](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4338) and [www.gema.ga.gov](http://www.gema.ga.gov). On Twitter, follow [@FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4) and [@GeorgiaEMA](https://twitter.com/GeorgiaEMA).

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*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.*

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*The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.*