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ONE MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE *More than 1,200 Georgians have already registered*

ATLANTA - Georgia families, individuals and businesses are reminded today that they have one month left – until June 22 – to apply for disaster assistance for damages suffered from the March 26 through April 13 storms and floods. The reminder was made by officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

So far, more than 1,260 individuals and households have registered in the 23 designated Georgia counties. More than \$4.4 million in federal funding has been approved for housing and other needs assistance. The largest portion of the funding (\$3.5 million) has been grants to individuals and households to help with disaster losses.

More than \$1 million in additional assistance for Georgians has come in the form of low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These SBA disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes are a primary source of assistance in federally declared disasters.

Anyone who has not registered for disaster assistance is encouraged to do so. Individuals can apply for assistance, ask questions or check on the status of an application by dialing FEMA's Helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are available seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. until further notice. Help in all languages is available.

People also can register online by visiting www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the Helpline.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made 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-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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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.

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