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SIX ADDITIONAL GEORGIA COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM FEMA

ATLANTA – Six additional Georgia counties are now eligible for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Those recovering from the effects of the recent severe storms and flooding in Catoosa, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale counties can now apply for aid.

“If you have suffered damage, you should register no matter whether you are a homeowner, renter or business owner,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Gracia Szczech. “Even if you don’t have all the necessary information available – such as the exact amount of insurance loss – it is important to register. Be sure to have a secure mailing address, especially if you had to move out of your home.”

The counties were added based on damage data gathered by federal, state and local officials.

“We remain committed to delivering assistance wherever it’s needed and to making sure that every qualified individual and family receives the help they need to get back on the road to recovery,” Szczech added.

Disaster assistance can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also will be available to cover residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

There are two easy ways to begin the application process. Register online at **www.DisasterAssistance.gov** or call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. Help in all languages is available.

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Callers are advised to have the following information available to help speed up the application process:

- Your current phone number;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;
- If insured, your insurance policy number, or the agent's and company name;
- General financial information; and
- Bank account code if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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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