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# Disaster News

## **GEORGIANS HAVE TWO WEEKS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE** *More than 1,595 Georgians have already applied*

**ATLANTA** – There are only two weeks left – until June 22 – for Georgians to apply for disaster assistance for damages from the March 26 through April 13 storms and floods, according to officials with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). More than 1,595 individuals have already applied.

**June 22, 2009, is the last day individuals can register for assistance through FEMA. Loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster-related losses for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes also must be postmarked by June 22.**

For those who have already applied, their cases will continue to be processed. Applicants who have already registered with FEMA but still have questions about the disaster assistance programs or questions about the status of their previously filed applications can use FEMA's toll-free **Helpline** at **1-800-621-3362**.

Many types of damage or losses qualify for help, so anyone who has not yet registered is urged to do so. Individuals can apply for assistance, ask questions or check the status of an application by dialing FEMA's Helpline at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. 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](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

*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.*

*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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For more information on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.gema.ga.gov](http://www.gema.ga.gov) or [www.ready.ga.gov/](http://www.ready.ga.gov/) or <http://twitter.com/GeorgiaEMA>