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## Disaster Assistance Application Deadline Approaching

Hurricane Matthew survivors in South Carolina have less than two weeks remaining to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and submit disaster loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), according to a [news release](#) issued by FEMA.

The last day for survivors to register for federal disaster assistance is Tuesday, December 13. Register online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or by phone at **800-621-3362**. The toll-free lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

The last day to file an SBA disaster loan application for physical damage is Tuesday December, 13. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) from the SBA are available to small businesses and private nonprofits to assist with working capital needs as a direct result of the disaster. SBA funds are also available to non-business owners.

The last day to apply for an EIDL loan from the SBA is Wednesday, July 12, 2017. FEMA encourages survivors to register now with FEMA even if they have insurance. FEMA will not duplicate insurance benefits, but may be able to assist with uninsured or under-insured losses.

Flood insurance policyholders who have questions about their flood insurance policy and coverage should call the National Flood Insurance Program at **800-621-3362 (Option 2)** between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

After registering for disaster assistance, residents with questions are encouraged to call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**.

Residents are also encouraged to visit [www.beaufortcountydasterrecovery.net](http://www.beaufortcountydasterrecovery.net).