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News Release

Two Weeks Left to Register for Federal Disaster Assistance in Georgia

WARNER-ROBINS, Ga. — Georgians in **Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Coffee, Glynn, Liberty** and **McIntosh** counties affected by Hurricane Irma have only two weeks to apply for federal disaster assistance that may cover temporary housing, essential home repairs and serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

Register as soon as possible. The deadline to apply for assistance is **Tuesday, Nov. 14.**

FEMA assistance may include grants to help homeowners and renters pay for:

- Temporary housing for those displaced from their disaster-damaged primary homes.
- Essential repairs to owner-occupied primary homes including structural components such as foundation, exterior walls and roof, and interior areas such as ceiling and floors.
- Replacement of personal property including specialized tools for employment, household items, appliances and vehicle repair or replacement.
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance including medical, dental, moving and child-care expenses and funeral and transportation expenses.

Hurricane Irma survivors should register for assistance even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their insurance claims have been settled.

Applying for disaster assistance is a two-step process that ensures consideration for all FEMA programs and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans. First, register with FEMA. Then complete and return the SBA loan application, if referred to the SBA.

The quickest way to apply for federal assistance is online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Survivors may also apply by phone at **800-621-3362 (Voice, 711 or VRS) or 800-462-7585 (TTY)**. Due to high demand, lines may be busy during the day. Try calling in the morning or evening when call volume may be lower. The FEMA Helpline numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (ET), seven days a week until further notice.

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FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Next to insurance, SBA low-interest disaster loans are the survivor's primary source of funding for disaster recovery. For more information about SBA low-interest disaster loans, visit www.sba.gov/disaster. The deadline to submit SBA loan application is Nov. 14.

For more information on Georgia's hurricane recovery, go to www.fema.gov/disaster/4338 or visit the Georgia Emergency Management Agency site at gema.ga.gov.

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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, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.