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30 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR HURRICANE AID IN NEW JERSEY

NEPTUNE, N. J. — Families, individuals and businesses in New Jersey that suffered damage from Hurricane Irene have only about 30 days remaining to register for federal assistance.

The deadline for registering for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is Oct. 31, 2011.

The deadline to submit loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is also Oct. 31. SBA loan applications are a key part of the FEMA registration process. If you are a homeowner or renter and SBA determines you cannot afford a loan, you may be referred for other possible assistance. Additional information is available at www.sba.gov or 1-800-659-2955.

The standard flood insurance policies from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program have a 60-day period to file proof of loss. That deadline is Oct. 31 as well.

To date, FEMA has approved more than \$106 million in aid to disaster survivors, while the SBA has approved more than \$13 million in disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and nonprofit organizations.

There are three ways to register – go to www.disasterassistance.gov or m.fema.gov or call FEMA toll-free, **800-621-3262 (FEMA)**. Those with access or functional needs and who use a TTY, call 800-462-7585; or use 711 or Video Relay Service to call 800-621-3362. Telephone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; multilingual operators are available.

Residents can find the DRC closest to them online at: <http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm>.

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