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# News Release

## **30 Days Left for New Yorkers to Register for FEMA Disaster Aid**

New York – New York State and federal officials remind those affected by Hurricane Sandy that they have 30 days left to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible federal disaster assistance.

Applications must be received by **Monday, Dec. 31**, to be considered for disaster assistance from **FEMA** and the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**.

Anyone who sustained a loss in any of the 13 New York counties designated for federal disaster assistance should register before the deadline even if they have insurance.

Federal disaster assistance may help eligible applicants with temporary housing, disaster-related uninsured personal property losses, medical, dental and funeral expenses, along with other disaster-related expenses and serious needs.

Survivors must register with FEMA to be considered for federal disaster assistance even if they have contacted the state, their local emergency management agency, the American Red Cross or other charitable organizations.

Anyone who has not registered with FEMA for disaster aid, has questions about their application or needs more information about recovery programs should call FEMA's toll-free helpline **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. People who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, can call 800-462-7585 directly; people who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), can call 800-621-3362.

Online registration is available at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or through a smartphone or tablet at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

Low-interest disaster loans from the SBA are also available to help with residential and business losses not covered by insurance. Homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes may obtain

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information on SBA disaster loan applications by calling **800-659-2955 (800-877-8339** for people who have a speech disability or hearing loss) or online at [www.SBA.gov](http://www.SBA.gov). They may also apply for disaster loans at <http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For more information on New York's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4085](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4085), <http://twitter.com/FEMASandy>, [www.facebook.com/FEMASandy](http://www.facebook.com/FEMASandy) and [www.fema.gov/blog](http://www.fema.gov/blog).

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*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.*

*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.*