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Time Running Out For Disaster Victims to Call and Apply For Assistance

HUNT VALLEY, Md. – Only two weeks remain for those residents of Somerset County who have yet to apply for federal and state disaster assistance.

FEMA will continue to process existing assistance applications, but the deadline to call and apply is Tuesday, February 12.

There are three easy ways to begin the application process. You may call FEMA's toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, TTY 1-800-462-7585. Both numbers are available from 7 am to 10 pm, seven days a week until further notice, and multilingual operators are also available to answer your call. Residents with Internet access now have the option to register on the agency's website at www.disasterassistance.gov where valuable recovery information is also available.

Persons affected by Hurricane Sandy also can apply for federal assistance through a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to apply online for federal assistance and other recovery help.

Even if you have insurance, you may still be eligible for disaster assistance.

Assistance available to disaster victims includes grants for temporary disaster housing; repairing disaster-damaged, uninsured homes to a safe and sanitary living condition, and for serious, disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or other assistance programs; U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans for individuals and businesses to repair or replace damaged property.

For information about SBA programs or to find a location nearby, applicants may call **800-659-2955 (TTY 800-877-8339)**, or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals may also contact SBA by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

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.

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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.

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.