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News Release

Three Weeks Left to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance

Midland, Mich. – Don't get overlooked, get the help you need. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) registration deadline is only three weeks away for residents with damages or losses from storms and flooding June 22-27.

Even if you applied with another agency or organization you must register with FEMA by **Oct. 2, 2017**, if you want to access federal disaster grants and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans.

FEMA offers various forms of assistance, including federal grants for temporary housing and emergency home repairs, and free recovery help through partnerships with volunteer organizations for eligible applicants.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers loan-interest disaster loans to homeowners, who may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace their primary residence and up to \$40,000 to replace personal property.

To register for assistance, learn about the appeals process, or check the status of your claim:

- Go online at DisasterAssistance.gov Online applications must be completed no later than midnight on **Oct. 2, 2017**.
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center in Isabella County at 4855 E. Bluegrass Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48858, or in Midland County at Carpenter Street School, 1407 W. Carpenter St., Midland, MI 48640.
- The FEMA Helpline is experiencing a high volume of calls at this time, but you can call 800-621-3362 to register. TTY users can call 800-462-7585. Those who use 711 or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362 to register. Operators are multilingual and calls are answered from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT seven days a week. Michigan Speech to Speech Relay Services:
 - English: 1-866-656-9826
 - Spanish: 1-866-656-9827

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.

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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.

English: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4326>

Spanish: <https://www.fema.gov/es/disaster/4326>

<https://twitter.com/femaregion5>

All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).