Deadline Approaches for FEMA Aid Applications

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Homeowners and renters in Davidson, Williamson and Wilson counties with damage or other losses caused by the storms that struck from March 25 through April 2 have only a short time left to apply for FEMA assistance. The deadline for applications is **July 7**. However, those who have already received determination letters from FEMA and don't agree with the decision, can appeal within 60 days of the date on the letter.

Those who have questions about making an appeal can call the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)**. Those who wish to apply by the July 7 deadline can also call the Helpline. Multilingual operators are available, and lines are open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time. Those who use a relay service such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel should provide FEMA with their specific phone number assigned to that service.

Two other ways to apply are to download FEMA's mobile app for smart phone or tablet (for information, go to: fema.gov/mobile-app) or to visit DisasterAssistance.gov.

FEMA disaster assistance grants can help survivors with costs for temporary rentals, home repairs and rebuilding and other serious disaster-related needs such as replacement of essential personal property. FEMA awards are not loans and do not have to repaid.

Survivors with insurance should also apply to FEMA promptly, as they may be eligible for grants to help with disaster-related expenses their insurance doesn't cover. To be considered for aid, they must have their FEMA applications in by the July 7 deadline. Should they discover later on that their insurance hasn't covered certain expenses, they can then update their FEMA applications. If they haven't applied to FEMA by the deadline, it will be too late to access potential FEMA aid to supplement their insurance.

The deadline for survivors to apply for low interest disaster recovery loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration is also July 7. Following a federal disaster declaration, SBA makes loans to eligible homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to help them restore their property to its pre-disaster or better condition. Loans from SBA are the primary form of federal disaster assistance to individuals, households and businesses.

For more information on an SBA loan, go to Disasterloan.sba.gov, call the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** (**800-877-8339** for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or send an e-mail to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

For more information on Tennessee's disaster recovery, visit www.tn.gov/tema.html and www.fema.gov/disaster/4601. You may also follow FEMA on www.facebook.com/fema and Twitter @FEMARegion4.