Oklahomans Have More Time to Register for Disaster Assistance

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Oklahoma City, OK – Oklahoma residents who suffered damage from the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred May 7 to June 9 now have more time to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The new registration deadline is Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management requested the extension to allow survivors extra time to update insurance information and find other documents needed to complete or supplement their applications. FEMA granted the extension for two weeks.

Designated counties for homeowners and renters include: Alfalfa, Canadian, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Garfield, Kay, Kingfisher, Le Flore, Logan, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Ottawa, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington and Woods.

Federal disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property losses and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

FEMA registration is quick and easy and there are multiple ways to register:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Phone 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS-Video Relay Service) (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish)
- Visit one of the Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers stationed in the designated counties. To find a mobile DRC near you, go to https://fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator.



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 Via the FEMA app, available for Apple and Android mobile devices. To download visit: <u>fema.gov/mobile-app</u>.

Low-interest disaster loans are available from the SBA to homeowners, renters, businesses and private nonprofit organizations. Applicants can apply for a low-interest disaster loan at their nearest disaster recovery center or online using SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Survivors can get more information on SBA disaster assistance by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659- 2955, by visiting www.sba.gov/disaster, or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call 800- 877-8339.

Find out more at <u>https://www.fema.gov/okmit</u> and <u>https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4438</u>. Follow us on Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/femaregion6</u> and the FEMA Blog at <u>http://blog.fema.gov</u>.

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FEMA's mission is to help before, during and after disasters.

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.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover



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losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at <u>SBA.gov/disaster</u>. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.



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