



Private Sector Advisory

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South Carolina Survivors Now Have Until Dec. 5 to Register for Disaster Assistance

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The deadline for South Carolinians to register for disaster assistance – for uninsured or underinsured damage or losses due to Hurricane Florence – has been **extended to 11:59 p.m.**, **Wednesday**, **Dec. 5**, **2018**. FEMA granted the extension at the request of Gov. Henry McMaster, citing a continued flow of new applications for federal assistance.

South Carolina homeowners, renters and business owners in **Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion** and **Marlboro** counties may apply for disaster assistance for losses occurring between **Sept. 8**, and **Oct. 8**, **2018** from Hurricane Florence.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to assist businesses of any size, homeowners and renters, also may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov or by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Survivors can apply the following ways:

- Call **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585** (TTY) anytime from **7 a.m.** to **10 p.m.** local time seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.
- Go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or <u>DisasterAssistance.gov/es</u> (for Spanish)
- Visit any open State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. Go to www.fema.gov/DRC to view locations.

For more information on Hurricane Florence and South Carolina recovery, visit the S.C. Emergency Management Division website at scemd.org, on social media (@SCEMD on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram), or FEMA's Hurricane Florence disaster webpage at www.fema.gov/disaster/4394, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMA, and the FEMA Region 4 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion4.

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.

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).

The 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 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 www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.