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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR APRIL TORNADO SURVIVORS TO APPLY FOR HELP

**CLINTON, Miss.** -- State and federal help for the April tornado storm survivors is available – but only if they apply for assistance. It is not too late to apply for help.

People suffering losses in the 29 Mississippi counties designated as disaster areas resulting from the storms, tornadoes and related flooding that occurred April 15-28 are encouraged to register for assistance as soon as possible.

Being proactive and taking charge can help speed the possibility of receiving help from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- You can apply for help if your losses occurred in the counties of Alcorn, Attala, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Greene, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, Leflore, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Panola, Quitman, Smith, Sunflower, Tishomingo, Tunica, Webster, and Winston counties.
- Register even if you are insured. Your insurance coverage may not be adequate; therefore FEMA may be able to assist with some of your uninsured or underinsured disaster-related loss. Anyone in the designated counties who suffered any damage or loss should register for assistance.
- Remember, disaster assistance covers a wide range of losses. Disaster-related damage or loss of essential personal property, anything from a wheelchair to a major appliance, may qualify for some form of federal/state assistance.
- Stay in touch and keep appointments. After you have registered for disaster assistance, a FEMA inspector will make an appointment to visit your home, usually within seven to 10 days. Make every effort to be at home. If necessary to change the appointment, call the FEMA tele-registration line at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or, for those with hearing or speech impairment, **TTY 800-462-7585**.
- Persons affected also can apply for federal assistance online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or through a web-enabled mobile device. Visit [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov) and follow the link to apply online for federal assistance and other recovery help.

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- Register as soon as possible. Homeowners, renters, and business owners who suffered losses should call the Federal Emergency Management Agency tele-registration line to register for assistance. The lines are available **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** seven days a week until further notice. Help in all languages is available.

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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.*

*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.*

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