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FLOOD DISASTER SURVIVORS HAVE 30 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR ASSISTANCE.

CLINTON, Miss – The deadline for Mississippi flood disaster survivors to register for federal disaster assistance is **July 11, 2011**. Homeowners, renters and business owners who suffered losses in the flooding that began May 3 and live in the 14 declared counties may be eligible for housing assistance grants that include funds to rent a place to live while rebuilding; minor home repairs to make a home safe, sanitary and functional; and replace essential household items not covered by insurance.

Other types of grants may be available to replace personal property and help in meeting medical, dental, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable-aid programs.

The declared counties are Adams, Bolivar, Claiborne, Coahoma, DeSoto, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Sharkey, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson and Yazoo.

Assistance for eligible survivors can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, medical and burial expenses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Registration is easy and can be done one of two ways: by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585, or by going online, at www.disasterassistance.gov.

“The deadline to register for assistance for this disaster is one month away,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Terry Quarles. “We urge all disaster survivors to register now without delay.”

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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.