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E-News Update

This E-News Update is created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Private Sector Function operating out of the Joint Field Office in Aurora, Illinois. It includes information on federal and state resources available to help Illinois homeowners, renters, business owners and their employees recover from the severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred from **April 16 through May 5, 2013**. We welcome your comments, questions, best practices and topics of interest.

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Federal Assistance as of June 11, 2013

- Registrations for Individual Assistance..... 53,078
- Approved Individual Assistance..... \$90.9 million
- SBA disaster loans approved.....\$11.2 million

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in a designated county can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov or call 1-800-621-3362 or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585. Those who use 711 Relay or Video Relay Services may call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Less than a Month Left for Illinois Residents to Register With FEMA

Illinois residents who had damage from the severe storms and flooding between April 16 and May 5 have less than 30 days left to register for FEMA disaster assistance.

Federal disaster assistance for homeowners and renters can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs.

FEMA provides several ways for residents of the 33 counties included in the major disaster declaration to register by the deadline of **Tuesday, July 9**.

Please visit “[One Month Left](#)” for more information.

SBA Loans Help Homeowners and Renters, Not Just Businesses

Don't let the word "business" in the name [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) fool you. The SBA is a primary source of federal funds for long-term recovery of homeowners or renters.

The SBA's low-interest disaster loans of up to \$200,000 can help qualified homeowners repair or replace damaged real estate. In addition, renters and homeowners may get up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged personal property. In both cases, these SBA loans are only for damages not covered by insurance.

After registering for federal assistance, an applicant may receive a letter in the mail with an SBA return address. [Open it and complete the forms inside](#). It's a critical step in the recovery process. Whether or not one wants a low-interest loan, if he or she does not return the SBA application, the applicant may miss out on other assistance from FEMA.

Applicants **must return** the SBA loan application to be considered for FEMA grants that cover personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. They do not need to repay these grants.

Applicants **do not need to return** the application to be considered for eligibility for temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation, medical, dental or burial expenses. SBA customer service representatives are available to issue or accept low-interest disaster loan applications and answer questions at all Illinois State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers.

FEMA Mitigation Outreach - Free Advice on Rebuilding Stronger, Safer, Smarter

If your home was damaged by the spring floods and you are beginning to make repairs, you can get advice on how to rebuild stronger, safer and smarter.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation specialists will be at the below locations Wednesday – Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

<u>Cook County</u> Lowe's Home Improvement 2630 N. Narragansett Ave. Chicago-Brickyard, IL 60639	<u>Cook County</u> Menards 14975 Lincoln Ave. Dolton, IL 60419	<u>Cook County</u> Home Depot 700 Broadview Village Square Broadview, IL 60153
<u>McHenry County</u> Home Depot 200 S. Randall Road Algonquin, IL 60102	<u>Rock Island County</u> Menards 6400 44 th Ave. Moline, IL 61265 <i>*See below</i>	<u>Will County</u> Menards 2524 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60435

** Hours of operation for this store only: Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 & 13, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, June 14-16, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

Designated Counties for Individual Assistance

Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Clark, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, Douglas, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Kane, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Lake, Livingston, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, Peoria, Pike, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, Will, Whiteside Winnebago and Woodford counties.

Please visit “[Designated Counties](#)” for more information and visit “[Disaster Assistance](#)” for more information on Individual Assistance.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC)

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) services include help with applying for disaster assistance, help with letter of determination, filing an appeal and finding out about other disaster programs available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), state and local agencies, and voluntary organizations. Residents must apply with FEMA even if they already provided damage information to local officials, other agencies or organizations.

For more information regarding DRCs closest to you, please visit “[DR-4116-IL](#)”.

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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.