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FEMA DISASTER DEADLINE FOR TROPICAL STORM FAY IS NOVEMBER 10

ORLANDO – Less than one week remains for any Florida resident who had property damage or other losses as a result of Tropical Storm Fay to register for state-federal disaster assistance.

Nov. 10 is the deadline for residents in 27 designated counties to apply for a wide range of state, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal disaster assistance programs. The counties include: **Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Collier, Duval, Gadsden, Glades, Hendry, Jefferson, Lake, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Polk, Seminole, St. Lucie, Taylor, Volusia and Wakulla** counties.

Those who have applied for assistance can stay in touch with recovery specialists by using the FEMA Helpline option at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or the **TTY** line for the deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired at **800-462-7585** from 7 a.m. to midnight daily until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.

On the Web, disaster information remains available 24 hours a day at www.fema.gov. Homeowners, renters and businesses in declared counties should use the same FEMA toll-free lines or Web site to register for FEMA disaster assistance programs.

Available assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes to cover uncompensated property losses, and other programs that help meet eligible disaster-related needs.

Individuals do not need to apply for an SBA loan before they can receive FEMA's temporary housing assistance, which includes rental assistance, home repair and replacement funds, as well as grants for public transportation, medical and dental, and funeral and burial expenses. However, an applicant must complete an SBA loan application to be eligible for FEMA assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

Officials urge everyone who has registered with FEMA and received an SBA application to complete the form and return it even if they are not seeking a loan. Submitting the SBA application by the deadline is required before applicants can be considered for some types of FEMA aid.

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Information about SBA programs is available by calling 800-659-2955 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday until further notice, or online at www.sba.gov. A Helpline option is also available by calling the FEMA toll-free numbers. Registered applicants may ask questions about disaster assistance programs or the status of their applications, or request an appeal.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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.

SBA's disaster loans are the primary form of federal assistance for non-farm, private sector disaster losses. Disaster loans from SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations fund repair and replacement of disaster damaged real and personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 or visit online at www.sba.gov or email SBA's customer service center at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

For statewide disaster information and to find out how you can *Get A Plan!* for disasters, please visit www.FloridaDisaster.org

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