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# News Release

## **FEMA Works With U.S. Small Business Administration to Assist Missouri Residents**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Missouri residents may receive disaster assistance from both FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

After registering with FEMA, most residents are automatically referred to SBA to be considered for low-interest disaster loans. SBA's disaster loans are the largest source of long-term federal disaster recovery funds to residents, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations.

Homeowners can borrow up to \$200,000 for structural repairs or rebuilding their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may be able to borrow up to \$40,000 to replace personal property including automobiles damaged or destroyed in the disaster.

Residents have until **Sept. 9** to register for federal disaster assistance and apply for an SBA loan.

- Online using SBA's secure website at [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).
- Face-to-face at any disaster recovery center.
- By calling SBA's customer service center at **800-659-2955**.

Email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA's disaster assistance.

There are three ways to register with FEMA for federal disaster assistance:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)
- By phone at the disaster assistance helpline: **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- At one of our [disaster recovery center locations](#).

Missourians from any county may visit any recovery center. Before visiting a recovery center, residents are encouraged to register online or call the disaster assistance helpline.

Follow recovery updates in Missouri on Twitter [@MOSEMA\\_](#) and [@FEMARegion7](#). Get the latest information at [Missouri's recovery website](#) and [FEMA's disaster webpage](#).

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