

**FEMA**

E-News Update

This E-News Update is created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency External Affairs, Private Sector Division. It includes information on federal and state resources available to help Rhode Island business owners and their employees recover from the floods and storms. We welcome your comments, questions, best practices and topics of interest. Please send emails to Chad.McCormick@fema.gov (571)529-0857. See the last section for subscribe/un-subscribe instructions.

RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SITUATION UPDATE :

As of close of business May 10, 2010:

- U.S. Small Business Administration approved disaster loan total: **\$22,844,500.00**
- Current Deadlines for FEMA registration and SBA loan application: **May 28, 2010**

Updates: For more information, please visit: www.fema.gov. You can also follow FEMA's flood response on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/femaregion1> and Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/FEMA>.

APPLY FOR FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In counties designated for Individual Assistance, homeowners and renters may apply for FEMA assistance. Those affected can apply for assistance from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST, seven days a week by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for speech-and hearing-impaired. Multilingual operators are available. Applicants can apply online at www.fema.gov. Online registration is available anytime. The registration deadline for FEMA disaster assistance and SBA loan applications is **May 28, 2010**.

RETURN YOUR SBA LOAN:

Homeowners and renters who receive a disaster loan application from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) should complete and return it– even if they aren't sure they will need or want a loan. Returning the application is necessary to be considered for FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program, which provides reimbursements for personal property losses, vehicle repair or replacement and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

The filing deadline for applications for physical damage to homes, personal property and business is **May 28, 2010**. The deadline for SBA applications for Economic Injury is **Dec. 29, 2010**.

I WANT TO HAVE MY CASE REVIEWED AGAIN

You may appeal any decision.

- Appeals may relate to your eligibility, the amount or type of help provided to you, or denial of continued assistance.

Follow these steps to appeal the decision:

1. State in writing that you are appealing the decision about the amount or type of assistance you received is not correct. You, or someone who represents you or your household, should sign the letter. If the person writing the letter is not a member of your household, there must be a signed statement saying that that person may act for you.
2. Include the FEMA registration number and disaster number (shown at the top of your decision letter) in your letter of appeal.
3. Mail your appeal letter to:

**FEMA - Individuals & Households Program
National Processing Service Center
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055**

You can also fax your appeal letter to:

1-800-827-8112 Attention: FEMA - Individuals & Households Program

IMPORTANT: To be considered, your appeal letter must be postmarked within 60 days of the date of the decision letter's date. Remember to date your letters.

- All appeals are reviewed.
- Decisions usually are made within 30 days of receiving the request.
- You will be notified by mail of the response to your appeal.

If you need information about your case, you or someone from your household may request a copy of the information by writing to:

**FEMA - Records Management
National Processing Service Center
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055**

If someone outside of your household is submitting the request for you, then the request also must contain a statement signed by you giving that person your authorization to request this information.

LOCAL DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS

Applicants are not required to visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). However, a visit to a DRC provides an opportunity for residents to meet face-to-face with representatives from state and federal agencies and will provide answers to questions individuals may have about the recovery process. The DRC is staffed by FEMA, SBA, and other federal and nonprofit agencies. Locations of current Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are:

<p>Kent County West Warwick Community Center 145 Washington St. West Warwick, R.I. 02893</p>	<p>Providence County Garden City Center (former Linens and Things) 150 Hillside Road Cranston, R.I. 02920</p> <p>Washington County Wakefield Mall 160 Old Tower Road South Kingstown, R.I. 02879</p>
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***Hours of operation for Sunday, Noon – 6 p.m. and Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers assist those with SBA loan applications or to answer other questions. FEMA will still have a representative at these locations to continue to support those affected by the March 12 – April 12 flooding event.

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. M-F; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday

<p>Washington County South County Community Action Agency 34 Pond St. Westerly, R.I. 02891</p> <p>Wakefield Mall 160 Old Tower Road South Kingstown, R.I. 02879 Opening May 15</p>	<p>Kent County West Warwick Community Center 145 Washington St. West Warwick, R.I. 02893 Opening May 15</p> <p>Providence County Garden City Center (former Linens and Things) 150 Hillside Road Cranston, R.I. 02920 Opening May 15</p>
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All Disaster Loan Outreach Centers will be closed on Sunday.

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