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## Governor Christie Announces Deadline Extension to May 1st for Sandy Disaster Assistance Registration

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**Trenton, NJ** – The Christie Administration announced today that New Jersey residents impacted by Superstorm Sandy now have until **May 1, 2013** to register for individual disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The deadline extension applies for homeowner, renter, and business registration with the Small Business Administration (SBA) for Disaster Loan Assistance. With this extension, the FEMA and SBA registration periods will now remain open for a full 6 months after Superstorm Sandy made landfall in New Jersey.

"It is vitally important for people to know that the FEMA individual assistance registration process is essential to receiving any type of federal disaster assistance – including grant assistance for homeowners and renters as outlined in our CDBG disaster relief action plan. This deadline will help us ensure that every affected New Jersey resident gets registered," said Governor Christie. "Registering with FEMA is the first step and most important gateway for families to obtain relief across a host of federal and state relief plans including individual assistance for losses due to Sandy and programs to help rebuild or reconstruct to safer standards, and for businesses to access low interest loans and grant programs to get back up and running."

It is crucial that individuals register with FEMA - FEMA can provide disaster assistance for individuals and families that can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property losses and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

People with storm losses in all counties can register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) and via smart phone or tablet [here](#).

Survivors also can register by phone or 711/VRS by calling **800-621-3362, TTY800-462-7585**.

At the request of the State, FEMA extended the registration deadline another 30 days due to the magnitude of the storm disaster.

The disaster registration process serves as a referral point for FEMA programs and those of partner agencies such as the SBA, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

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