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## News Release

### Your FEMA Flood Recovery Checklist

**CHICAGO** – Michiganders in Washtenaw and Wayne counties who were affected by the June floods and still need help have many resources to support their rebuilding efforts. Review FEMA's flood recovery checklist to ensure you've taken all the steps in your federal assistance process:

- 1. Register with FEMA before 11:59 p.m. ET on Sept. 13** if you have unmet needs as a result of the June floods by:  
calling **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**) 7 a.m.- 11 p.m. ET seven days a week  
online at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>  
download: [FEMA App](#).
- 2. Apply to the US Small Business Administration (SBA) before their Sept. 13 deadline.** Next to insurance, an SBA low-interest disaster loan is the primary source of funds for property repairs and for replacing contents destroyed during the June floods. To apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the SBA, complete an online application at [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/).
- 3. Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)/Document Drop Off Center (DDC) or nearby hardware store to talk with a FEMA Mitigation specialist.** Mitigation specialists can answer questions and offer floodproofing information, home improvement tips and proven methods to prevent and lessen damage from future floods. FEMA has teamed up with True Value and Menards Hardware stores to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes and businesses stronger and safer. Most of the free publications offered are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors. To locate the closest DRC or DDC click: [Disaster Recovery Centers](#).
- 4. Request continued rental assistance forms:** If you remain unable to return to your pre-disaster primary residence due to the June flooding disaster, make sure to apply for FEMA's Continued Rental Assistance. If you did not receive a form by mail, you may request one by calling the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**).
- 5. Verify your home's heating and septic systems are functioning:** When you register, report any damage to your furnace, septic tank or water heater as a result of the disaster. If your home has already been inspected and the damage wasn't identified, you may send FEMA a dated and signed letter within 60 days of your initial FEMA decision, along with a contractor's estimate, indicating you are appealing for assistance with these items. *Keep in mind:* if you need to replace your furnace or septic system, you have the option to appeal for additional

grant funding through FEMA.

6. **Examine your vehicle for water damage.** If your vehicle was damaged or destroyed in the flood, FEMA may provide financial assistance. Assistance is usually limited to one uninsured vehicle per household. For questions about eligibility requirements, call FEMA's helpline at **800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585)**.
7. **Know your appeal options.** If you disagree with other FEMA decisions, you have the option to submit an appeal letter with additional documentation to have your case reconsidered. The appeal should be submitted within 60 days of the initial FEMA decision and include a letter explaining what you are appealing, be signed and dated, and include supporting documentation, such as a copy of a verifiable contractor's estimate.

For questions about federal disaster assistance, the FEMA helpline is available to Michigan survivors by calling **800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585)**. For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4607](http://fema.gov/disaster/4607)

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*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs.*

*If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.*

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