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News Release

It's Important to Return SBA Loan Application

ATLANTA – After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). If you receive an email from the SBA with a disaster loan application link, you should click the link, fill out the application, and return it.

If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA disaster loan. However, completing the application may make you eligible for other FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items, and other expenses.

SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Completing the application makes it possible for you to be considered for additional grants, and if you qualify for a loan, you will have that resource available if you choose to use it.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information, and download applications at www.sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**, or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial **7-1-1** to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or working capital (Economic Injury Disaster Loans).

Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 from SBA to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

The deadline to return SBA loan applications for property damage is **March 17, 2023**. The deadline to return applications for economic injury is **Oct. 16, 2023**.

For the latest information on Georgia's recovery from the severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes, visit fema.gov/disaster/4685. You may also follow [@GeorgiaEMAHS/Twitter](https://twitter.com/GeorgiaEMAHS), [Facebook.com/GeorgiaEMAHS](https://facebook.com/GeorgiaEMAHS), [@FEMARegion4/Twitter](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4) and [Facebook.com/FEMA](https://facebook.com/FEMA).

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