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ONE MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER FOR FEMA DISASTER AID

ALBANY, N. Y. – New Yorkers affected by Hurricane Irene have only 30 more days to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible federal disaster assistance.

October 2 marks the halfway point in the 60-day registration period. It's important that those who may need to register for aid do so as soon as possible. Registrations cannot be accepted after the **October 31, 2011** deadline.

“Registration keeps open the possibility of a wide range of assistance,” said Philip E. Parr, FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer. “If your insurance coverage comes up short, or other damage appears later, you need to be registered for us to help.”

To register, call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, seven days a week until further notice. People with hearing disabilities can use the TTY number, **800-462-7585**. Applicants can also register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with any web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at m.fema.gov. Follow the link to “apply online for federal assistance.”

The registration period and the deadline apply to the major federal disaster declaration signed by President Barack Obama on August 31 that enabled residents and business owners in Albany, Bronx, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Herkimer, Kings, Montgomery, Nassau, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Westchester counties to register for federal recovery aid.

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