

Disaster Assistance Now Available for Impacted Residents of Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex, New London and Windham Counties

- **To apply for FEMA disaster assistance:**

Phone: 1 -800-621-FEMA (3362)

On-Line: www.disasterassistance.gov

Please note even if you previously reported your damages to your town or 2-1-1, you still need to apply for assistance.

For Homeowners and Renters (Individual Assistance):

Governor Rell has announced that President Obama has reversed an earlier decision and approved federal disaster assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses affected by the severe storms that swept through Connecticut in March. Federal assistance is available for impacted residents of **Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex, New London and Windham Counties**.

Residents of declared counties who were impacted by the storms may apply for FEMA disaster assistance **by telephone or on-line**. To apply by phone, residents can call: (800) 621-3362. The TTY line for people with speech or hearing disabilities is (800) 462-7585

Applications may also be completed online at www.disasterassistance.gov. If residents have disaster assistance questions, they may call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

Whether applying online OR over the phone, you should have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

- Your Social Security number.
- Current and pre-disaster address.
- A telephone number where you can be contacted.
- Insurance information.
- Total household annual income
- A routing and account number from your bank (only necessary if you want to have disaster assistance funds transferred directly into your bank account)
- A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster.
- Directions to your property.

After you've completed your application for assistance, you will receive a FEMA application number. **Write down this number and keep it for future reference.**

In addition, FEMA, in coordination with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, will be opening **Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)** throughout the declared counties. At a DRC, individuals can meet directly with federal officials and obtain clarification of any written correspondence received, answers to questions and referrals to agencies that may provide further assistance. Locations and hours will be announced.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans have also been released and are available to homeowners and renters. Homeowners and Renters that are interested in a SBA Loan must register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to obtain a FEMA Registration ID Number by calling 1-800-621-3362. Information on SBA Loans is available at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.