

## Federal Disaster Aid Available In Seven Connecticut Counties

Individuals in Litchfield, Hartford, Windham, New London, Middlesex, New Haven and Fairfield counties may be eligible for federal disaster assistance

Homeowners, renters, and business owners in Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, New Haven and Windham counties who were affected by flooding during mid-April storms can now apply for disaster aid by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) toll-free registration number at **1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)**. Those who are hearing and speech impaired may call **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. Those affected may also register for disaster assistance online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Callers are advised to have the following information available to help speed up the application process:

- Your current phone number.
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.
- Your Social Security number, if available.
- A general list of damage and losses you suffered.
- Good directions to the property that was damaged.
- If insured, your insurance policy number, or the agent's and company's name.
- General financial information.

Individual and household assistance may include:

- **Temporary Housing** - Homeowners and renters may receive rental assistance to help with housing costs while displaced from their own homes or apartments or while looking for new, permanent housing.
- **Repair** - Homeowners may qualify for grants to repair disaster damage not covered by insurance. These funds are intended to make their homes safe and habitable, which will not necessarily return them to their pre-disaster condition.
- **Other Needs Assistance (ONA)** - Applicants also may receive grants for serious disaster-related needs not met by insurance, volunteer agencies or other sources. This includes medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation, moving and storage and other eligible expenses.
- **Disaster Loans** - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) makes low-interest disaster loans available to residents of the counties included in the disaster declaration. The SBA provides three types of disaster loans:
  - **Home disaster loans** to homeowners to repair or replace storm-damaged homes and, to renters and homeowners alike, to replace lost personal property
  - **Business physical disaster loans** to business owners to repair or replace disaster-damaged property, including inventory and supplies and
  - **Economic injury disaster loans** which provide working capital to businesses and agricultural cooperatives to help them through the recovery period.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.