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FEMA TELEPHONE REGISTRATION LINE NOW OPEN 24 HOURS DAILY

Madison, Wis. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) telephone registration line is now operating 24 hours a day. This extension of hours will help better serve Wisconsin residents in the 12 counties now eligible to register for damages and losses caused by the early June severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Anyone with losses in **Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Green, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago** counties may call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** and register for disaster assistance anytime, day and night, until further notice. Those with speech or hearing impairments may call **1-800-462-7585**.

“We want to ensure that every person and family affected by the recent bad weather can contact us immediately so we can begin the process of helping them put their lives back together,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Dolph Diemont. “Now, in addition to our 24 hour web registration at www.fema.gov, those needing to register may also do so by phone. Remember...only one registration, either by phone or on the web, is needed to get the process underway.”

Registering for assistance is simple and only takes about 15-20 minutes. To help speed up the process, applicants are asked to have the following information ready:

- A current phone number where the applicant can be reached;
- The address and good directions to the damaged property; also, the applicant’s present address if it is different from the damaged property location;
- The applicant’s social security number, if available;
- A general listing of the damages and losses caused by the storms;
- If insured, the agent’s name and, if known, the policy number;
- General financial information;
- Bank account coding for those wishing to take advantage of direct deposit routing.

Business owners with damages are also able to register for disaster loan assistance from the Small Business Administration by registering over the FEMA phone line or on the web site.

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 terrorism.

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Editors: For more information on Wisconsin disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>.