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Monday is Last Day to Register Flood Claims with FEMA

PIERRE, S.D. – Monday, October 24, is the last day for South Dakotans to file claims for disaster aid with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), disaster officials announced today.

Monday is also the last day to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for physical damage from this year's floods.

"We are down to the wire," said Federal Coordinating Officer Gary Stanley of FEMA. "If you had any physical damage from the floods, or think you may, please register with us now. Let us see if we can help."

Homeowners, renters and businesses in Charles Mix, Hughes, Stanley, Union and Yankton counties may be eligible for assistance from FEMA. They can register for it by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT, by going online at www.disasterassistance.gov, or through a Web-enabled mobile device or Smartphone by going to m.fema.gov.

SBA offers low-interest federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, nonprofit organizations to help pay for repair or replacement of disaster-damaged property. Those interested may apply online via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. SBA information and assistance is also available by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or on SBA's Web site www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.