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## **One week left to apply for FEMA's Disaster Aid**

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** - Only a week remains for survivors to register for disaster assistance programs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to damages or losses resulting from heavy rains, flooding, landslides and mudslides left by Hurricane Irene.

**October 26, 2011** is the last day to apply for a wide range of local, Government of Puerto Rico, FEMA and other federal disaster assistance programs. The municipalities designated eligible to apply for disaster assistance are: **Adjuntas, Aguas Buenas, Arroyo, Caguas, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cayey, Ciales, Cidra, Coamo, Comerío, Fajardo, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Humacao, Jayuya, Juncos, Las Piedras, Loíza, Luquillo, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Ponce, Río Grande, San Juan, San Lorenzo, Trujillo Alto, Vega Baja, Vieques and Villalba.**

FEMA and Government of Puerto Rico officials urge survivors to apply with FEMA by calling **1-800-621-3362** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585** for those who have speech disability or hearing loss. **The lines are available from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.** On the Internet, disaster information remains available 24 hours a day at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or via mobile application [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

Once registered, survivors can follow up on the status of their case by calling the same toll-free telephone numbers.

As of today, more than 54,574 residents have already called to apply for assistance; 32,348 survivors have visited the Disaster Recovery Centers located throughout the affected municipalities and more than \$23.9 million in grants has been disbursed.

Available assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes to cover uncompensated property losses, and other programs that help meet eligible disaster-related needs.

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