



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Business of All Sizes
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Nearly 20,000 SBA Loan Applications Yet to be Returned; November 23 is Deadline to Apply for Physical Damage

ATLANTA – With only a few days remaining before the November 23, application deadline for physical disaster loans, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announces that it has approved **1,085** disaster loans for **\$40,361,300** to Georgia homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations affected by the September 2009 severe storms and flooding.

“We want to thank all of our federal, state and local partners, as well as the volunteer organizations and individuals that helped the SBA to provide financial assistance to the victims,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

“However, there are nearly 20,000 people who have not returned their SBA loan applications. These individuals have until November 23 to return completed applications for physical damage to the SBA. **Homeowners or renters who do not qualify for a disaster loan may be referred to FEMA for grant consideration.**

Interest rates are as low as 2.750 percent for homeowners and renters and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition. These loans are for uninsured or uncompensated losses up to SBA’s loan limits.

All Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Business Recovery Centers in the disaster area will cease operations at the close of business Monday, November 23. Victims in the following counties in Georgia are eligible to apply for SBA’s physical disaster loans: Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Heard, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker.

SBA Center locations and hours of operation are as follows:

Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

Cherokee County	Cobb County	DeKalb County
Cherokee County Parks & Recreation Gym	The Threadmill	Browns Mill Recreation Center
7545 Main Street, Building 200	5000 Austell/Powder Springs Rd, Suite 120	5101 Browns Mill Road
Woodstock, GA 30188	Austell, GA 30106	Lithonia, GA 30058
Open: Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Douglas County	Fulton County	Gwinnett County
Old Douglas County Court House	Fulton County Government Center	Mountain Park Depot
6754 Broad Street	141 Pryor Street SW	5050 Five Forks Trickum Rd.
Douglasville, GA 30134	Atlanta, GA 30303	Lilburn, GA 30047
Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SBA Business Recovery Centers

Cobb County	Douglas County	Fulton County
Powder Springs Library	Douglas County Chamber of Commerce	Government Service Center
4181 Atlanta Street – Bldg. 1	6658 Church Street	7741 Roswell Road
Powder Springs, GA 30127	Douglasville, GA 30134	Atlanta, GA 30350
Open: Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST, or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications may be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Applications may be returned to any of the Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Georgia disaster victims may visit SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> to apply for disaster loans.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **November 23, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 24, 2010**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.