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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Disaster Loan Deadline is November 18; There is Still Time to Apply

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds small businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes that Nov. 18 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans as a result of excessive rain, flooding, abnormally cool temperatures and related plant diseases that began on May 1, 2009. These loans are available to **Massachusetts** applicants in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. These EIDLs can be up to \$2 million, with terms up to 30 years. Interest rates are 4 percent for businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations. Agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA.

For more information on the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, [application forms](#) or to [apply online](#) visit www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, or call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT.

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