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News Release

Renters Affected by Hurricane Sally May Apply for Disaster Assistance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Renters in Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile counties whose homes and personal property were damaged by Hurricane Sally last month can apply for federal disaster assistance.

The FEMA **Individual Assistance program** is available to all eligible renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants may help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a 60-day period and may be reviewed for further assistance.

Renters may also qualify for a grant under FEMA's **Other Needs Assistance program** for essential personal property and other disaster-related expenses. These may include:

Replacement or repair of necessary personal property, such as furniture, appliances, clothing, textbooks or school supplies; replacement or repair of tools and other job-related equipment; vehicle repair, and medical and dental bills.

FEMA and the state of Alabama are committed to ensuring that services and assistance are available for hurricane survivors who have access and functional needs (AFN).

FEMA, for example, offers several accessible ways to register and apply for federal disaster assistance. Anyone can register in these ways:

- Online, by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov;
- By downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet, or
- By calling the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)**. Multi-lingual operators are available. The toll-free lines are open **6 a.m. to midnight (Central Time) seven days a week**. Helpline operators are also available to answer questions about applications already submitted.

The registration process includes your providing FEMA a phone number so FEMA can contact you and set up a *virtual* home inspection. If you use a relay service such as a videophone, Innocaption or CapTel, you should provide FEMA your specific number assigned to that service.

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If you were affected by Hurricane Sally in Alabama and need a sign language interpreter, foreign language translator, a Braille or large-print document, or have any other accommodation request, you should let FEMA know when registering.

For AFN online resources, as well as FEMA downloadable pamphlets and other aids, visit www.disasterassistance.gov and click “Information.”

For the latest information on Hurricane Sally, visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4563>

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FEMA’s mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA’s temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.