



FEMA

E-News Update for Tennessee Businesses

APPLYING FOR FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Often, the first step to recovery is making sure your employees are ready and able to come back to work. In counties designated for Individual Assistance, your employees, whether homeowners or renters if affected by the floods can apply for assistance online anytime at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or (TTY 1-800-462-7585) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST, seven days a week. Help is available in all languages.

KEY MESSAGE:




Preparedness Is Everyone's Responsibility. As the threat of flooding always exists, residents are strongly encouraged to make emergency preparations in anticipation of potential future flooding or severe storms. Don't put yourself – or first responders – at risk. If told to evacuate, do so.

ARE YOU PREPARED?





It's that time of year again. Hurricane season officially began June 1, and several seasonal forecasts are predicting a more active season than we experienced last year. How quickly your company can get back to business after a disaster depends on emergency planning done today. When you consider that the number of declared major disasters nearly doubled in the 1990s compared to the previous decade, preparedness becomes an even more critical issue. America's businesses form the backbone of the nation's economy. If businesses are READY to survive and recover, the nation and our economy are more secure.

A commitment to planning today will help support your employees, customers, the community, the local economy and even the country. It also protects your business investment and gives your company a better chance for survival. Visit www.ready.gov for free guides on how to develop a business continuity plan. These materials assist business and community leaders in hosting and delivering business preparedness workshops and training sessions. These sessions and the *Ready Business* Mentoring Guides outline how businesses can plan to stay in business, talk to employees, and protect assets.










Download Mentoring Initiative materials from www.ready.gov/business:

-  [Ready Business Mentor Guide](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY RB-0406-04)
-  [Ready Business User Guide](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY RB-0406-05)
-  Education Disaster Extension Network classes [EDEN Ready Business Business Information](#)



-  Education Disaster Extension Network classes [EDEN Ready Business Facilitation Materials](#)
 -  [Executive Overview PPT Presentation](#)
 -  [Workshop PPT Presentation](#)
 -  [Facilitator Guide](#)

Other Business Preparedness Resources from www.ready.gov/business:

-  [Ready Business 12-page booklet](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY RB-0904-02)
-  [Ready Business poster](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY-RB-0904-03)
-  [Ready Campaign Get Ready Now brochure](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY-RB-R-0005-01)
-  Spanish [Listo Campaign Get Ready Now brochure](#) (download or order by calling 1-800-BE-READY, ask for publication number READY-RB-L-00050406-01)
-  ["What are the Costs?" worksheet](#)
-  [Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Sample Plan](#)
-  [Business Emergency Supply Checklist](#)
-  [Insurance Discussion Form](#)
-  [Computer Inventory Form](#)

More Web Resources to Assist Businesses

In addition to the federal government's preparedness Web site www.ready.gov, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/prepared/getready.html provides more preparedness tips for businesses, homeowners and renters. The Institute for Business and Home Safety at www.ibhs.org also has information on protecting your home or business.

NEED ADVICE ON REBUILDING?

Those rebuilding after the flood can receive valuable, free information for projects around the house. Hazard mitigation specialists with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be at home improvement stores throughout Middle and West Tennessee to answer questions about protecting homes from future disaster damage, as well as offer other home improvement tips and techniques. Topics will include flood- and wind-resistant building methods, wind straps, flood insurance and other measures to make homes stronger and safer. Publications on these topics also will be available.

There is no cost to talk with the advisers.

For the most up-to-date locations of FEMA mitigation specialists, visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TNDisasterInfo.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE:

Tennessee (Close of Business June 4, 2010)

In the 45 counties that have been designated for Individual Assistance, disaster assistance continues to flow to Tennesseans with more than **60,000 disaster survivors** having registered with FEMA. Nearly **\$130 million** in disaster grants and low-interest loans have been approved since the declaration, **\$113.3 million** for housing assistance and **\$16.4 million** for Other Needs as well as **\$41.5 million** in loans has been approved by SBA since the major disaster declaration May 4, 2010, helping Tennesseans to repair and rebuild.

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