

DR-4563-AL Hurricane Sally

This joint AlabamaEMA/FEMA Advisory includes information on state and federal resources available to help Alabama businesses and employees recover from Hurricane Sally. To **subscribe** to DR-4563-AL ESF-15 Private Sector Advisories [click here](#) – to **unsubscribe** [click here](#).

Important Safety Precaution Information

 Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards to avoid when using them are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution and fire. The **U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from improper use of portable generators. For more information on how to use generators safely please go online to view OSHA's Fact Sheet [Using Portable Generators Safely](#).

The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** and the **Alabama Department of Public Health** have information on their websites concerning safety tips you should take during recovery efforts following a hurricane. Visit epa.gov/hurricane/ and alabamapublichealth.gov/news for more details.

Here's How Survivors Can Appeal FEMA's Determination Letter

Alabama applicants who receive an unfavorable determination letter from FEMA, after registering for federal assistance in the wake of Hurricane Sally last month, may want to appeal.

Everybody has a right to appeal. Here's how to do it.

- You should read that determination letter very carefully to understand FEMA's decision and know exactly what is needed to appeal.
- You may submit an appeal letter if you think the amount or type of assistance is incorrect. The amount of FEMA grants varies because every applicant's situation is different.
- FEMA can review its decision in some cases if you:
 - **Submit insurance documents.** Provide documents from your homeowners' insurance company showing that your coverage or settlement is insufficient to make essential home repairs, provide a place to stay, or replace certain contents. FEMA cannot duplicate homeowner or renter insurance benefits but may approve assistance if your property is uninsured or under-insured.
 - **Prove occupancy.** Provide documents proving the damaged home or rental was your primary residence, such as utility bills, driver's license or lease.
 - **Prove ownership.** Provide documents such as mortgage or insurance documents, tax receipts or a deed. If you who do not have a deed, you may obtain a copy at the county offices in which your property is located.
 - Your appeal letter and all documentation can be submitted online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by fax to **800-827-8112, Attn: FEMA Appeals Officer** or you can mail appeals to: **FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055**

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The ABCs of FEMA Disaster Assistance

Why was I referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)?

If you were referred by FEMA to SBA and received a low-interest disaster loan application, it is important to complete and submit the application as soon as possible. Returning the application does not obligate you to accept an SBA loan, but it is a necessary step to being considered for other forms of disaster assistance.

SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters. For more information, contact SBA at **800-659-2955**, email FOCEHELP@sba.gov, or visit SBA's website at DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov

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If you have been impacted by Hurricane Sally in Alabama, **dial 211** for help with some unmet needs including clean-up supplies. Text **888-421-1266** or chat via www.211connectsalabama.org for resources and assistance.

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.

Weather the Storm: Download the FEMA App today



The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.

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To support our citizens, strengthen our communities, and build a culture of preparedness through a comprehensive Emergency Management (EM) program.

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Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

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