

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](#).

Two Days Remain to Register with FEMA, Apply for Federal Assistance

Residents of **Baldwin, Escambia** and **Mobile** counties, with uninsured damage or losses from Hurricane Sally occurring September 14 – 16, 2020, have only two days left to apply to FEMA for federal disaster assistance grants.

The deadline is Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. FEMA registration is quick and easy. There are three ways to register:

- Online at www.disasterassistance.gov.
- Call the FEMA Help Line at **800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)**. Toll free lines are open 6 a.m. to midnight, Central Time, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.
- Use FEMA's disaster app on your smartphone. If you haven't downloaded the app yet, please visit www.fema.gov/mobile-app.

FEMA disaster assistance grants may help eligible homeowners pay for basic repairs to make a home habitable. Grants may also provide homeowners and renters temporary rental assistance and aid with disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. The only way to apply for federal assistance is to register with FEMA.

FEMA grants do not need to be repaid, are not considered taxable income by the IRS, and will not affect Medicare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Social Security benefits.

Alabama survivors with unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Sally can dial **2-1-1** for assistance.

The deadline for applying for a long-term, low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is **also Nov. 19**.

You can apply for an SBA disaster loan online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. You can mail your application to SBA: Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155. Or, you can call the SBA Customer Service Center number at **800-659-2955 (TTY 800-877-8339)**.

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Mitigation for Homeowners May Reduce Potential Damage in Future Storms

Rebuilding after a disaster can present opportunities as well as challenges for homeowners. This is certainly true for survivors of Hurricane Sally. The challenges include getting the job done quickly and efficiently. The opportunities involve rebuilding stronger, smarter, safer and better, with more resilience. The process is called mitigation.

Mitigation reduces the risk to property from future events. While it may involve a larger initial investment, mitigation pays off in the long run. In fact, FEMA estimates that on average, for every **\$1** spent on mitigation, **\$6** are saved from future losses.

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FEMA provides grant funding for certain kinds of mitigation projects under the **Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program**. For more information, and how to apply for the program, visit <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation/individuals>.

Alabama residents with homes affected by Hurricane Sally, can talk to a FEMA Mitigation Specialist for help in making repairs. These specialists are available to provide rebuilding tips, questions about home repair, the importance of flood insurance, making disaster plans, and building supplies. Get helpful advice from a specialist on the FEMA Mitigation Helpline at **866-579-0820, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Central Time**. Specialists are also available by email at FEMA-MitOutreach-4559@fema.dhs.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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