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Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Deadline Approaching for Physical Disaster Loans in Maine; Business Recovery Center in Hancock County Adjust Hours of Operations

ATLANTA – The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> is reminding businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters in **Maine** to apply for physical damage disaster loans by May 20 deadline. Additionally, SBA is changing the hours of the Business Recovery Center in Hancock County, beginning **Monday, April 22**, it will now operate Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Survivors in the declared Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties in **Maine** who incurred damage from severe storms and flooding on Jan. 9-13, should apply for a physical damage disaster loan by the deadline. Disaster survivors with insurance should not wait for their settlement before applying for physical damage. SBA will work with your insurance to reduce or repay the loan.

Customer Service Representatives at SBA's Business Recovery Centers will assist business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents and provide updates on an application's status. The centers will operate as indicated below until further notice.

| Business Recovery Center | | Business Recovery Center | |
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| Cumberland County | | Hancock County | |
| Currency Institute 701 US-1, Suite 4 Yarmouth, ME 04096 | | General Bryant E. Moore Community Center 125 State Street Ellsworth, ME 04605 | |
| Hours: | Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday | Hours: | Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| | | Closed: | Sunday |

Business Recovery Center York County

Keller Williams Coastal and Lakes & Mountains 1000 US-1 Suite 102

York, ME 03909

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed: Sunday

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **May 20, 2024**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **Dec. 23, 2024**.

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