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Homeowners, Renters and Businesses Urged to Report Storm Damages

AUGUSTA, MAINE -- The Maine Emergency Management Agency is asking homeowners, renters and businesses owners who have sustained uninsured damage from the Patriot's Day Storm to report that damage if they have not done so already. The State is assessing the overall impact of the storm to individuals and businesses, both to report to FEMA and to assess the need for other services.

"It's crucial that people report damage to their homes and businesses," Governor John Baldacci said. "We need to gather as much information as possible about the extent of the storm's impact."

It is not necessary to know the dollar amount of the damages; at this point officials are interested in how many homes and businesses were affected. "When in doubt, report," says MEMA Director Robert McAleer. "We need to know the level of need that is out there."

This reporting is informational only and does not in any way register residents and businesses for future assistance should it become available. Those who have already reported do not need to do so again.

Damages could take the form of flooded electrical equipment, such as water pumps, washers, dryers and furnaces, flooding of basements in excess of surface water levels and damaged wall boards and living areas in basements. Renters may also report loss of personal property.

Businesses are also asked to report significant loss of business because of the storm. This could be as a result of a loss of retail trade, inability to ship product, inability of employees to report, etc.

It is critical to obtain this information to determine if any counties affected by the storm have sufficient damage to receive Federal assistance for individuals and businesses. Yesterday the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced a disaster had been declared for damage to public property in six Maine counties. Joint federal/state assessments in seven additional counties are ongoing, to give FEMA the information they need to make those counties eligible for disaster assistance.

Residents and business owners should report damages to:

York County: 324-1578
Cumberland County: 1-877-372-7363
City of Portland online reporting: <http://www.ci.portland.me.us/> All other
locations: Your town office or local Emergency Management Director

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**Disaster Assistance: Individual/Business
Phone Form**

Date:

Time:

Name:

Address:

Town:

County:

Telephone:

Call Back (if different):

** Has caller previously reported to Town and/or County: Y or N

Report of Damages:

For Homeowners: (physical property damage? personal property damage? medical expenses?)

For Landlords: (physical property damages?)

For Renters: (personal property damages? medical expenses?)

For Business Owners: (damage to the property? loss of business?)

Remember:

- **For General Questions/Assistance/Services: 211**
- **Insurance Questions: ME Bureau of Insurance, 1-800-300-5000**
- **Well Contamination Concerns: ME Drinking Water Program, 557-4214**
- **Flooded oil tanks: DEP Oil Spill Hotline, 1-800-482-0777**
- **Consumer Protection Hotline: ME Attorney General's Office, 1-800-436-2131**
- **FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARED FOR SOME COUNTIES (AN, CD, KC, KX, OD, YK)**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNTY DECLARATION REQUESTS PENDING WITH FEMA:
FN, HK, LN, SC, ST, WO, WN**
 - **CURRENT DISASTER DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY DAMAGES ONLY.**

- **IF IT BECOMES A FEDERAL DISASTER FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE, THEY NEED TO LISTEN TO NEWS FOR A PHONE NUMBER FOR REGISTRATION.**