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## **Disaster Recovery Individual Assistance Deadline Approaches**

*Tele-registration available until Nov. 20*

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – Governor Sean Parnell declared a state disaster for the 2012 September Severe Storm on Oct. 21, 2012. The declaration authorizes the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) to activate the state's Individual Assistance disaster recovery programs. 324 Individual Assistance applications have been taken as of Oct. 22.

### **The deadline to apply for Individual Assistance is Nov. 20, 2012.**

**To apply for Individual Assistance call DHS&EM at 1-855-445-7131.**

DHS&EM opened Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC) in eight locations. DACs are established to provide disaster recovery information and help disaster survivors utilize the state's disaster recovery programs. At this time all DACs are closed and applicants are asked to tele-register by calling 1-855-445-7131.

The IA program is available to residents in the Municipality of Anchorage, Denali Borough, Copper River Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA), Yukon-Koyukuk REAA, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska Gateway REAA, and the Chugach REAA. To be eligible damages must be a result the declared disaster event, which began on September 15, 2012 and continued through September 30, 2012.

#### **Individual Assistance (State)**

DHS&EM's tele-registration line is accepting applications for the State Individual Family Grant (IFG) and Temporary Housing programs. The Individual Assistance (IA) program is designed to provide assistance to individuals and families who sustained damages to their primary residence, personal property, or transportation during the 2012 September Severe Storm.

Homeowners with damage to their primary residence should make necessary temporary repairs to prevent additional damage. Applicants should keep receipts for any costs incurred as a result of the storm, and when possible photograph damages before making repairs or replacement.

Those wanting to apply for state assistance should call DHS&EM, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Applicants will be asked to provide a description of damages, photographs or videos, ownership documents for transportation and real property and insurance information.

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