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# NEWS



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**SUBJECT: Deadline for State's Disaster Housing Program**

(Jackson) – The State's Disaster Housing Program was implemented statewide on August 12, 2001. People whose homes were made unlivable by the flooding on August 12, 2001 may apply for assistance by calling 1-800-434-4243. The deadline for filing an application is SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. So far MEMA has received 156 applications for temporary housing assistance under this program. Both homeowners and renters may apply. **This is grant money from the State of Mississippi that is available to the public and does not have to be repaid.**

The application process takes about five minutes to complete. Callers should have on hand social security numbers and insurance settlement information prior to calling. Families that have insurance can also qualify.

Homeowners may qualify for up to **three months** rental assistance **or** they may choose to use an amount up to the amount they would have received for the rental assistance for minimal home repair. Renters may qualify for one -month rental assistance and are not eligible for the minimal home repair option.

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