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News Release

FEMA Can Assist With Furnaces, Wells and Septic Systems

SIOUX FALLS, SD – As the temperatures drop, the furnace becomes the most important appliance in the home. South Dakotans who had a furnace damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding between September 9 - 26, should contact FEMA, even if they have already made repairs or purchased a replacement. FEMA can also help with wells and septic systems impacted by the disaster.

There are several ways to register:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or DisasterAssistance.gov/es (for Spanish).
- Call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **800-462-7585 (TTY)**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Help is available in most languages.
- At a Disaster Recovery Center. Visit www.fema.gov/DRC or call the helpline for a listing of open locations.

FEMA may pay up to the actual cost of the receipt or estimate for furnaces, wells and septic systems. If you have repaired or replaced the furnace, FEMA may provide assistance when valid estimates or receipts are submitted. If you have additional questions, contact the disaster assistance helpline number above or visit a disaster recovery center.

Individuals in Brookings, Charles Mix, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody and Yankton counties and the Flandreau and Yankton Indian Reservations are eligible to register for assistance.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

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.