



## **SCHENECTADY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

FEMA encourages all individuals who have damages or have had to evacuate because of a federally declared disaster to apply for disaster assistance.

There are several ways to register for FEMA/state assistance.

- You may register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
- Call the toll-free registration number at **1-800-621-FEMA** (3362).
- If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call 1-800-462-7585 directly;
- If you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

If you have immediate needs, contact the **American Red Cross at 518-458-8111** (or 1-800-REDCROSS) or the **Salvation Army at 518-346-0222**.

After you register for assistance with FEMA, you will receive a copy of your registration and a pamphlet in the mail titled, "[Help After A Disaster, An Applicant's Guide to the Individuals and Households Program](#)". Please read the pamphlet carefully; it should answer most of your questions and provide information about other programs that may be able to assist in your recovery efforts.

If you do not have insurance to cover your disaster related damages, an inspection is required to process your application. For complete information about the inspection process, please see "[What is the inspection process?](#)". If you have insurance, please file a claim as soon as possible and send FEMA your settlement or denial letter. If you have been referred for a disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), SBA may also contact you and schedule an appointment to review your disaster-related losses.

You also need to complete the [Declaration and Release Form](#) verifying that a member of the household is a citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien of the United States. This can be returned to the inspector or [sent to FEMA](#).