

Federal flood relief application deadline is July 9

Residents and businesses who sustained flooding damage between April 6 and May 5, 2013 have until July 9, 2013 to apply for federal funding assistance.

There are four Cook County Disaster Recovery Centers where residents can meet with a Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, representative to complete an application: 1486 Miner Street, Des Plaines; Royal Savings Bank, 9226 S. Commercial Ave, Chicago; North Park Village Administration Building, 5801 N. Pulaski, Chicago; and Forest View Fire Department, 7010 West 46th Street, Forest View, IL.

Individuals may also apply by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or 800-462-7585 (TTY for hearing and speech impaired). Registration can also be done online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by smartphone at m.fema.org.

Assistance may take the form of grants or low-interest Small Business Administration loans. Funds may be used to help with temporary housing, home repairs or replacement and other disaster-related expenses.

“Flooding can be an extremely traumatic experience,” said MWRD President Kathleen Therese Meany. “The MWRD does as much as we can to effectively manage stormwater, but the April 18 storm produced five inches of rain over 880 square miles which is equal to 75 billions gallons of water or about four feet of snow. For anyone who has sustained losses or damage from the severe storms, we encourage them to apply for assistance from FEMA.”

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