



U.S. Small Business Administration

# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*  
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## SBA HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING FOR RECENT FLOOD VICTIMS

**CONSHOHOCKEN** - The U.S. Small Business Administration will conduct an information briefing for the victims of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> flooding in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Federal disaster assistance in the form of low-interest loans from the SBA is available to those affected by the flooding.

**The briefing is scheduled on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus, 1175 Conshohocken Road, Conshohocken, PA. Directions to the Campus are attached.**

The SBA provides low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations to repair or replace disaster damaged real estate, or personal property.

For small businesses, and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

The SBA also provides mitigation funds to disaster victims based on 20 percent of the verified physical damage. These funds are designed to help borrowers pay for protective measures to minimize damages of the same kind in the future.

Those affected by the flooding are encouraged to speak to one of SBA's representatives face to face by visiting the Disaster Loan Outreach Center at the Whitemarsh Township Building – Board Room, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA. The Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, (August 22 and August 29) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will close Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the close of business.

Victims may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT or sending an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Business loan applications can also be downloaded from [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Completed applications should be returned to the Center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Victims may apply for disaster loans from SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **October 19, 2009.** The deadline to return economic injury applications is **May 18, 2010.**

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# **Directions to Event Location**

PLEASE NOTE - Conshohocken Road is closed between Conshohocken and the Campus. You must enter Conshohocken Road from Ridge Pike to get to the Campus.

**Please use the following directions.**

**From Norristown** – Take Main Street/Ridge Pike East to Conshohocken Road. Turn right on Conshohocken Road. Go about ¾ mile and turn left on Academy Road. The training campus is on the left.

**From Route 476 North** – Take exit 18B to Chemical Road. Turn right on Chemical Road to Ridge Pike. Turn right on Ridge Pike to Conshohocken Road. Turn left on Conshohocken Road. Go about ¾ mile and turn left on Academy Road. The training campus is on the left.

**From Route 476 South & the PA Turnpike** – Take exit 18 Ridge Pike. Turn right on Ridge Pike to Conshohocken Road. Turn left on Conshohocken Road. Go about ¾ mile and turn left on Academy Road. The training campus is on the left.

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*For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance)*