

Flood victims can register by phone

Federal and state officials urge Iowa flood victims to use of the toll-free phone line to apply for assistance if they have not yet done so. It is not necessary to apply in person at a Disaster Application Center.

The number to call is 1-800-462-9029 any day from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Last month's severe storms and flooding have generated millions of dollars in damage to residences and businesses throughout the state, says a news release. Preliminary reports indicate that 568 residences have been destroyed and an additional 1873 have suffered major damage. Business losses are still being assessed but expected to exceed residential losses.

"Anyone who has suffered losses or damages, and not applied for assistance yet, should call the toll-free number as soon as possible," urged Dick Buck, Federal Coordinating Officer. The deadline for applying for disaster assistance is September 7, 1993.

Disaster assistance programs include grants for temporary housing, and low interest loans for repairs to businesses, homes and farms.