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## **REGISTER WITH FEMA FOR PEACE OF MIND TODAY!**

**MIDLOTHIAN, Va.** – Register, Register, Register! That is the message that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) wants everyone to understand. In preliminary damage assessments, there were more than 1,400 Louisa County homes inspected that showed damage associated with the earthquake and subsequent aftershocks. Since the November 4 declaration, fewer than 600 of those residences have applied for assistance.

Do you think you may have registered already? Double check by calling FEMA today, it will only take a few minutes for some peace of mind.

“We need to reach the other two thirds of the citizens that we heard from before,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Don Keldsen. “They need to pick up the phone and call 1-800-621-3362 today, or register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). ”

There are many hidden damages to a home in an earthquake:

- Cracked foundation
- Separated brick from mortar
- Rupture or cracked pipes under the house
- House crooked or out of plumb
- Exposed or cracked beams

FEMA will send an inspector to your home when you report significant damages to your home or personal property. There is no cost to the resident for this service. It is a thorough inspection of your damages.

In addition to the FEMA inspections, you should get your chimney inspected by a professional before using it for the first time this winter. There could be hairline cracks that a visual inspection may not catch. An engineer has the tools to thoroughly go through your chimney and certify it safe for use.

Your home is your haven, the one place you can feel safe and secure. There is no better feeling than knowing your home is safe and ready for the upcoming winter months. To get this peace of mind you need to call FEMA today to get the process started.

Some residents have already made repairs. Did you know that you may be eligible for assistance for those repairs? The inspectors are trained to recognize recent repairs and even make additional suggestions on things you may not have thought of repairing.

“There have been more than 40 aftershocks causing additional damage. Each one can cause minute cracks that the untrained eye would not even notice,” said State Coordinating Officer Michael Cline. “That is why you need a trained professional to come out and do an inspection. FEMA provides this service at no cost to you.”

Do you really want to crawl under your house or climb through an attic full of insulation? The answer is probably no.

Don't try to assess your damage for yourself, let FEMA do that for you. Call 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 1-800-462-7585, or online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).

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