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Loans for Businesses of All Sizes, Homeowners and Renters

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SBA's Business Recovery Centers for Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina Close for Thanksgiving

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that the Business Recovery Centers in Beaufort, Florence and Orangeburg counties in South Carolina will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

SBA representatives at the Business Recovery Centers (BRC) can provide information about disaster loans, answer questions and help businesses in completing the SBA application. The Centers are located as indicated below and will operate until further notice:

Beaufort County

Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce

[1 Chamber of Commerce Drive](#)

Hilton Head, SC 29928

Days: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed: Thursday – Friday, Nov. 24-25;
Saturdays and Sundays

Florence County

Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce

[100 West Evans St.](#)

Florence, SC 29501

Days: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closes: Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Noon
Closed: Thursday – Friday, Nov. 24-25;
Saturdays and Sundays

Orangeburg County

Small Business Development Center

South Carolina State University Belcher Hall, Suite 353

[300 College St. NE](#)

Orangeburg, SC 29117

Days: Monday - Friday, 8.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closes: Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Noon

Closed: Thursday – Friday, Nov. 24-25;
Saturdays and Sundays

“The SBA is committed to facilitating economic recovery in this disaster. We want area businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

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The SBA offers low-interest, long-terms disaster loans for physical damage and working capital. To be considered for this assistance, survivors need to apply by the deadline.

Additional information on the disaster loan program may be obtained by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Dec. 13, 2016**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 12, 2017**.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster