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VOLUSIA COUNTY: ONE WEEK LEFT TO APPLY FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Some Volusia County workers who lost their source of income due to the destruction of the severe storms between May 17 and May 28 may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits, but to be considered they must apply during the next week. The deadline to register for DUA is June 29.

Many workers are covered by the state's regular unemployment compensation program, but those not covered may be eligible for DUA. This is a federally funded program that assists individuals who become unemployed as a direct result of the declared disaster and who do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits. The program also covers self-employed individuals, owners of farms and ranches, farm and ranch workers as well as fishers and others who are not normally covered by state unemployment compensation.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance may be available to eligible unemployed individuals for up to 26 weeks from the date of the disaster declaration. The 26-week assistance period for this disaster ends November 21, 2009. Anyone authorized to work in this country by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may be eligible for DUA benefits.

To be eligible for DUA benefits, the person must have been working in or residing in a county for which the disaster has been officially designated.

For information about how to apply and what documents are required, storm survivors can find information online at [www.fluidnow.com](http://www.fluidnow.com) or [www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org), or by calling 800-204-2418, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.