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New Disaster Scam Brochures Available Throughout State

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) has developed a brochure to deter consumers from falling victim to scams in the aftermath of the devastating flooding around the state.

The brochure, *Beware of Disaster Scams*, highlights home repair, charity and imposter scams, providing red flags and tips for consumers. Consumers can pick up the brochure free of charge from the following locations around South Carolina:

- **Columbia Disaster Assistance Forum.** This event will feature several disaster recovery agencies. Come to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, October 14, 2015 beginning at 5:30 to speak to representatives from FEMA, SCDOI, SCEMD and more.
- **Disaster Recovery Centers.** Located in the hardest hit areas, these centers help consumers begin the process of rebuilding. Disaster scam materials will be available to those visiting these centers starting this week. Don't forget that unscrupulous people may try to take advantage of you while you rebuild.
- **County Libraries.** SCDCA has been in touch with many libraries to disseminate the brochure. If your library does not have the brochure, contact SCDCA directly for a copy.

Consumers or organizations wanting printed copies of the brochure can make a request by e-mailing scdca@scconsumer.gov or calling 800-922-1594. Visit SCDCA's website, www.consumer.sc.gov to view the brochure, as well as other disaster scam materials, in digital form.

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.

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