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News Release

MORE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN MONDAY IN NEW JERSEY

SOMERSET, NJ – Three additional Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened Monday, April 12 in flood-stricken New Jersey counties to assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the storms and flooding of mid-March.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened DRCs in Middlesex, Essex and Passaic counties, supplementing the three DRCs that opened in Atlantic, Morris and Somerset counties on April 9.

Each DRC is staffed with FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration and state agency disaster recovery specialists who are ready to help survivors through the recovery process.

“FEMA is opening these DRCs as quickly as possible to bring needed assistance directly to the affected communities,” said Federal Coordinating Officer William L. Vogel. “We urge everyone affected by the storms and flooding to visit a DRC to get information and file for the assistance for which they may be eligible.”

Residents affected by the flooding are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a center.

To register for assistance, residents should call FEMA’s toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY/TDD 1-800-462-7585** for people with speech or hearing disabilities (for relay service, call 711 or 1-800-852-7897) between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., seven days a week. Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls during this time. Residents may also register online anytime at www.disasterassistance.gov.

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At the Disaster Recovery Center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- May receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

HOURS AND LOCATIONS OF DRCs

Until further notice, daily hours at each DRC are from 10 am – 6 pm Monday through Saturday. The DRCs are closed Sundays.

Atlantic County

Belcoville Firehouse
1201 Loretta Avenue
Belcoville, NJ 08330
(in Weymouth Township, off Route 50)

Morris County

Lincoln Park PAL Community Center
10 Boonton Turnpike
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Essex County

Senior Citizen Center
376 Hollywood Avenue
Fairfield, NJ 07004

Passaic County

Urban Enterprise Zone Office (Museum)
2 Market Street, 2nd Floor
Patterson, NJ 07501

Middlesex County

Sayreville Senior Center
423 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Sayreville, NJ 08872

Somerset County

Facilities & Services Building
80 East High Street, 2nd Floor
Somerville, NJ 08876

More information on recovering from disasters is available online at www.fema.gov.

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