Recovery News

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO OPEN IN SOMERSET AND BERGEN COUNTIES TO ASSIST HURRICANE SURVIVORS

TRENTON, N.J. – FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will open Friday, Sept. 9, in Somerset and Bergen to provide face-to-face assistance to those who suffered damage and losses from Hurricane Irene.

The centers are located at:

- **Somerset County Human Services Department**
  
  27 Warren Street
  
  Somerville, N.J. 08876

- **Bergen County Administration Building**
  
  1 Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
  
  Hackensack, NJ 07601

The centers will be open from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, seven days a week, until further notice. Residents are urged to register before visiting a DRC. There are two ways to register – log on to www.disasterassistance.gov or call FEMA's toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or TTY **1-800-462-7585**. Those with access or functional needs and who use a TTY, call 800-462-7585; or, use 711 or Video Relay Service to call 800-621-3362. Both numbers are available from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Residents can find the DRC closest to them online at: [http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm](http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm)

Additional locations will be announced by the FEMA/state joint information center.

At the center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing applications for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- Receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

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