



Wayne Township Office of Emergency Management News Release

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN IN NORTH JERSEY

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the storms and flooding of mid-March.

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

Residents 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 the speech and hearing impaired (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.

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 agencies to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disasters.

Disaster Recovery Centers

Until further notice, locations and daily hours of the DCRs are:

Passaic County

Paterson Museum

2 Market Street, 2nd Floor

Paterson, NJ

Hours of operation: 10am – 6pm. Monday-Saturday

Essex County

Senior Citizen Center
376 Hollywood Avenue
Fairfield, NJ 07004

Hours of operation: 10am – 6pm. Monday-Saturday

Atlantic County

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

Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

Morris County

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

Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

Somerset County

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

Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

The DRCs are closed on Sundays.

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



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FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION SPECIALISTS OFFER OUTREACH AT FOUR MORE NEW JERSEY HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES

SOMERSET, NJ – Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood mitigation group will be at local home supply stores in Morris, Passaic and Atlantic counties to assist people with flood mitigation measures.

The outreach teams will be at the following stores from Monday, April 26 to April 30th: hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 1st, hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Morris County: Home Depot; 79 Route 46, Montville**
- **Morris County: Home Depot; 106 Route 23 North, North Riverdale**
- **Passaic County: Lowe's; 265 McLean Blvd., Paterson**
- **Atlantic County: Home Depot; 6 Tower Ave., Egg Harbor Township**

Specialists from FEMA will be on hand to explain techniques that can reduce damage to homes, businesses and property from future flooding. How-to information for retrofitting buildings and elevating utilities will be available as well as hand-outs including brochures about the National Flood Insurance Program.

The teams will have information about safely cleaning up after a flood, getting safely back into a home after a flood, repairing a flood-damaged home and mitigation information for rebuilding using disaster-resistant techniques.

Available information also includes things residents can do to avoid flood damage in the future such as:

- Relocate main electric switchbox above potential floodwaters
- Relocate electric outlets and switches above potential floodwaters
- Move washer and dryer to a higher floor

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- Elevate furnace and water heater
- Have a licensed plumber install a backflow valve to prevent sewer backup
- Purchase flood insurance

The teams also will have information on how people can get help with other disaster-related questions.

In addition to FEMA's in-store mitigation specialists, comprehensive information on how to prepare for disasters can be accessed at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm>

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