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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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Patterson, NJ 07501

**Middlesex County**

Sayreville Senior Center  
423 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

**Somerset County**

Facilities & Services Building  
80 East High Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Somerville, NJ 08876

More information on recovering from disasters is available online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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