



Recovery News

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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN UNIVERSITY CITY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is opening at noon on Nov. 19 in University City to provide face-to-face assistance to those suffering damages from the recent flooding:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State Emergency Management Agency announced the following location and hours:

Centennial Commons Building
7210 Olive Blvd.
University City, MO

Opening day, from noon to 7 p.m.; then from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until further notice.

The center will not be open on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

The DRC will remain open until no longer necessary.

Visitors should register with FEMA prior to visiting the DRC. Homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofits may now register for assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- or hearing-impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily until further notice. Visitors to the DRC will find information on:

- FEMA and state disaster assistance programs;
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans and how to complete the loan application;
- Smart building techniques to reduce damage from future floods; and
- Flood insurance.

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FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 (TTY 800-877-8339).

Individuals do not need to apply for an SBA loan before they can receive FEMA's temporary housing assistance, which includes rental assistance, home repair and replacement funds, as well as grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses. However, an applicant must complete an SBA loan application to be eligible for FEMA assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, nationality, age, disability, English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY Call 800-462-7585.

EDITORS: For more information on Missouri disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>.