## **Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Jefferson Chalmers**

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**CHICAGO** – A Disaster Recovery Center will open in Jefferson Chalmers on Friday, July 30, to help renters, homeowners and business owners affected by the June 25 – 26 severe storms and flooding.

The center will be in the following location:

**Golightly Career and Technical Center,** 900 Dickerson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48215

Hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Sunday.

Other FEMA recovery and document drop-off centers are already open. Individuals can find their nearest center by visiting FEMA's locator page at https://egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator.

At recovery centers, representatives from FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration, Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and other state agencies are available to explain disaster assistance programs, answer questions about written correspondence and provide literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes more disaster resistant.

Individuals do not have to visit a recovery center to register or receive federal assistance. These centers provide a location for applicants to submit documentation or discuss their case in-person with a FEMA or SBA representative. Before visiting a recovery center, survivors should register for federal assistance one of the following ways:

- Online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>;
- Using the <u>FEMA App</u>; or



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 Calling 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). TTY users can call 800-462-7585. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

Anyone requiring a reasonable accommodation (ASL interpreting, Braille, Large print, etc.) may call 800-621-3362 to request assistance in advance or ask the recovery staff at the center for assistance.

Applicants and staff in the recovery center will be required to comply with federal guidelines for mask usage when interacting with federal employees. Any individual inside a recovery center must wear a face mask which covers the individual's nose and mouth, as per CDC guidance.

For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4607</u>. FEMA assistance is currently available to residents in Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The deadline for individuals to apply for disaster assistance is Sept. 13, 2021.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.

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