

FEMA Rebuilding Advice Available at Ace Hardware in Fairmont

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CHARLESTON, W. Va. — West Virginians repairing or rebuilding homes damaged by recent storms and floods can get free information on making their homes stronger and safer in Fairmont Sept. 18-25.

FEMA mitigation advisors will be on hand **9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ace Hardware, 9051 Middletown Mall, Fairmont, WV 26554**. They will be available to answer questions and offer home-improvement tips and proven methods to reduce or prevent damage from future disasters. The information is aimed at general contractors as well as those who prefer to do it themselves.

Free reference booklets in English and Spanish, with information on protecting your home from flood damage, are available at all locations. More information about strengthening property can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/what-mitigation>

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. 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.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (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



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replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.



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