

# Forrest County Disaster Recovery Center Changing Hours, Closing March 3; Help Remains Available

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HATTIESBURG, Miss. – The disaster recovery center in Petal is adjusting hours of operation beginning Saturday, Feb. 25. The center, run jointly by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will close permanently on Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m.

The center is located at:

**Petal Civic Center** 712A South Main Street Petal, MS 39465

Through Friday, Feb. 24 of this week, the center will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. but will be closed Saturday, Feb. 25. The center's final week of operation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 3.

After the center closes March 3, storm survivors in Forrest County can still get help by visiting the remaining disaster recovery center at C.E. Roy Community Center, 300 E. 5th Street, in Hattiesburg. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Many of the same services available at a disaster recovery center also are available by calling the FEMA helpline.

MEMA and FEMA encourage Mississippi survivors who registered for disaster assistance with FEMA to stay in touch. If survivors change mailing addresses or phone numbers, they should update FEMA with the information. Missing or incorrect information could result in delays in receiving assistance.



Survivors in Forrest, Lamar, Lauderdale and Perry counties who have not yet registered for federal assistance can do so one of the following ways:

- At an open DRC
- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Download [the FEMA mobile app](#).
- FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are open daily from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.**
- Help is available in most languages and information on the registration process is available in American Sign Language at [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/111546](https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/111546).

Survivors with a communication-related disability may request reasonable accommodations to aid in communication. For instance, they may request an American Sign Language interpreter. Accommodations can be requested by contacting (770) 241-5525 or (800) 621-3362.

For more information on Mississippi's tornado recovery, go to [fema.gov/disaster/4295](https://fema.gov/disaster/4295) or visit the MEMA site at [msema.org](https://msema.org). Follow MEMA on Facebook [facebook.com/msemaorg](https://facebook.com/msemaorg) and on Twitter [@msema](https://twitter.com/msema).

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*FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.*



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