## **Virgin Islands Disaster Recovery Centers to be Closed on Sundays**

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**ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands** — All nine Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) across the territory will be closed on Sundays starting this Sunday, November 12. The centers provide information and help for survivors of hurricanes Irma and Maria.

DRCs will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to help homeowners, renters and small- business owners register for assistance. The specialists can also provide information on the federal aid that is available, and answer questions.

The DRCs are located at:

St. Croix

- Frederiksted at the Rotary Club West, 40 KA-KD Estate LaGrange
- Christiansted at the Old Post Office Building at Church and Company streets, Christiansted
- Christiansted at the Fire Captain Rencelliar I. Gibbs Fire Station at Parcel #1, Estate Cotton Valley, East End
- Christiansted at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 38-44 Castle Coakley
- St. Thomas
- Charlotte Amalie at the New Hotel Company Omar Brown Fire Station, Conference Room

#108, 100A Ross Taarenberg

• Charlotte Amalie at Tutu Park Mall, 4605 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 233



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- Estate Bordeaux at the Bordeaux Farmers Market, 109 East Bordeaux
- Coral Bay at the Town & Country Building, 8-1 Estate Emmaus
- Cruz Bay at the U.S. Virgin Islands Legislature, St. John Annex

Survivors have until the December 18 deadline to register with FEMA for assistance. Survivors with connectivity may register at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or by calling 800-621-3362. Individuals who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY should call 800-462-7585 directly.

Those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) may call 800-621-3362.

These toll-free telephone numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (local time) seven days a week. Operators are standing by to assist survivors in multiple languages.

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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 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS - Video Relay Service) (TTY: 800-462- 7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Following major disasters, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the primary source of Federal funds for long-term recovery assistance. This assistance is in the form of low-interest loans and is available to non-farm businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, as well as homeowners and renters with property damaged by the disaster.

For official information on the recovery effort following the hurricanes, please visit <u>www.informusvi.com</u> or <u>www.usviupdate.com</u>. Follow us on social media at twitter.com/femaregion2 and www.facebook.com/FEMAUSVirginIslands.

To donate or volunteer, contact the voluntary or charitable organization of your choice through the National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disasters (NVOAD) at <u>www.nvoad.org</u>. For those who wish to help, cash donations offer voluntary



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agencies the most flexibility in obtaining the most-needed resources and pumps money into the local economy to help businesses recover. The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands also has the "Fund for the Virgin Islands" at www.USVIrecovery.org.



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