

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center now open in Las Piedras

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – The government of Puerto Rico and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open a Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) on Friday, Jan. 5 in Las Piedras.

DRCs serve homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Maria. Specialists from the Government of Puerto Rico and municipalities, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, nongovernmental organizations and the local community, will be on hand to help survivors register for assistance, answer questions and provide information on the types of assistance available to survivors. Services are provided in English and Spanish.

The Las Piedras DRC is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. It is located at:

CDT de Las Piedras
Desvío Industrial
Carr. 183 - Intersección 198
Las Piedras, PR 00771

Survivors impacted by Hurricane Maria can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS - Video Relay Service). TTY call 800- 462-7585. Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). Lines are open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Registering with FEMA is the first step toward qualifying for disaster assistance which may include grants to help homeowners and renters pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacements and disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.



To find location and hours of a DRC near you, visit
<https://egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator>.

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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.

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, call 800-462-7585. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters, which can cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged real estate and 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.

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