

DRC Open in Essex and Morris Counties

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Trenton, NJ – Disaster Recovery Centers opened today in Essex and Morris counties to help residents in New Jersey affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration are available at the centers to explain disaster assistance programs, answer questions about written correspondence and provide literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes more disaster resistant.

The DRCs are located at:

- Essex County: Kmart – Co-located with a Vaccination Center, 235 Prospect Avenue #9413, West Orange, NJ 07052
 - Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday ET; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and Closed Sundays
- Morris County: Morris Plains Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Dr., Morris Plains, NJ 07950
 - Open 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. Monday through Thursday; Closed: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Individuals in **Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union, and Warren** counties are eligible to apply for disaster assistance.

Survivors can ask questions or seek further information in person at the DRC, in addition to online or by phone. Survivors can visit any of the DRC locations and find their closest location through the FEMA App. To download the FEMA App please visit the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Additional centers are open in the following locations:



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- **Hudson County:** Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center, 1379 Paterson Plank Rd., Secaucus 07094
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday
- **Hunterdon County:** Union Fire Company #1, 230 N. Main St., Lambertville 08530
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Bergen County:** Ciarco Learning Center, 355 Main St., Hackensack 07652
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Saturday; Closed Sundays
- **Mercer County:** Hollowbrook Community Center, 320 Hollowbrook Drive, Trenton 08638
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Middlesex County:** Middlesex Fire Academy, 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Cafeteria B, Sayreville 08872
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Passaic County:** Civic Center, 19 Warren St., Little Falls 07424
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Gloucester County:** Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill 08062
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.
- **Somerset County:** North End Volunteer Fire Company #3, 169 North 8th Ave., Manville 08835
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Union County:** Elizabeth O'Donnell Dempsey Senior Community Center, 618 Salem Ave., Elizabeth 07208
 - Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

FEMA and NJOEM are committed to opening DRCs in each of the designated counties. These additional centers will be opening soon to support survivors.



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If you have homeowners or renters insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting disasterassistance.gov/.

If it is not possible to apply online, **call 800-621-3362** (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines operate are currently operating 24 hours per day, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information readily available:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying
- Your Social Security number, if available
- A general list of damage and losses
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

Disaster assistance may include financial help for temporary lodging and home repairs along with other programs to assist families recover from the effects of the event.

