

Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Putnam County

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BRANDON, Fla. – The [state of Florida](#) and [FEMA](#) have opened an additional Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Putnam County.

Disaster Recovery Centers provide disaster survivors with information from Florida state agencies, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Survivors can get help applying for federal assistance and disaster loans, update applications and learn about other resources available.

New Disaster Recovery Centers

PUTNAM COUNTY

Putnam County Fairgrounds, 117 Yelvington Road, East Palatka, FL 32131

Hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

There are several Disaster Recovery Centers operating throughout the impacted area. To find a center close to you, go online to: [DRC Locator](#) or [floridadisaster.org](#), or text DRC along with your zip code to 43362.

Currently, all centers are operating seven days a week and no appointment is necessary to get assistance.

It is not necessary to visit a center to apply. Survivors can go online to [disasterassistance.gov](#), use the [FEMA mobile app](#) or call the **FEMA Helpline** at



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800-621-3362. The line is open every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service. To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

Interpretation services and translated materials are available at these centers to help you communicate in the language with which you feel most comfortable. Disaster Recovery Center locations are chosen for their accessibility, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible.

In addition to the centers, FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams are canvassing neighborhoods in areas affected by Hurricane Ian to help residents apply for FEMA assistance and answer questions they may have. DSA teams wear FEMA attire and have federal photo identification badges. There is no charge for service.

FEMA can help with temporary lodging expenses, basic home repairs and other essential disaster-related needs.

