## **Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Buncombe County**

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**Raleigh, N.C.** – A Disaster Recovery Center will open Thursday, Oct. 10 in Asheville (Buncombe County) to assist North Carolina survivors who experienced losses from Helene.

The Buncombe County center is located at:

A.C. Reynolds High School 1 Rocket Dr. Asheville, NC 28803 Open: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday

A Disaster Recovery Center is a one-stop shop where survivors can meet face-toface with FEMA representatives, apply for FEMA assistance, receive referrals to local assistance in their area, apply with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for low-interest disaster loans and much more.

FEMA financial assistance may include money for basic home repairs, personal property losses or other uninsured, disaster-related needs, such as childcare, transportation, medical needs, funeral or dental expenses.

A Comfort Care Center will also be available at this location where survivors can shower, do laundry and take advantage of other services.

Additional recovery centers will be opening soon. To find other center locations go to <u>fema.gov/drc</u> or text "DRC" and a Zip Code to 43362. All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Homeowners and renters in <u>27 North Carolina counties and tribal members of the</u> <u>Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</u> can visit any open center. No appointment is needed.



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It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for FEMA assistance. The fastest way to apply is online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or via the <u>FEMA app</u>. You may also call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

For the latest information about the North Carolina recovery, visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4827</u>. Follow FEMA on X at <u>x.com/femaregion4</u> or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.



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