

Disaster Recovery Centers Open in Chicago and Homewood

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SPRINGFIELD – Two FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Center will open on Wednesday, October 16 to help residents kickstart their recovery after the July 13 - 16, 2024, severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding.

Specialists from FEMA, the state of Illinois and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be at the centers to help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance, upload documents, get their questions answered in person, access other types of help that may be available and learn ways to make their property more disaster resistant.

The centers will be open at the following location, days and hours:

Chicago Lawn Branch Library

6120 S. Kedzie Ave

Chicago, IL 60629

Hours: Mon. and Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Village of Homewood Auditorium

2010 Chestnut Road

Homewood, IL 60430

Hours: Mon. – Sun. 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Additional recovery centers will be opening in other impacted counties soon. To find the center nearest you, visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC). Survivors may visit any center for assistance.

Assistance in languages other than English, including American sign language, and translated materials are available at these centers. Disaster Recovery Center locations are chosen for their accessibility, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible. Accessible parking spaces are available at all centers.



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Survivors don't need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, download the [FEMA mobile app](#) or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Illinois, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4819.



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