

# W.Va. Disaster Recovery Center Delayed Opening on Dec. 21 due to Forecasted Inclement Weather

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CHARLESTON, W.Va.— Due to forecasted weather, and out of an abundance of caution for Mercer County residents and FEMA staff, the FEMA-state Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Bluefield will have a delayed opening tomorrow, Dec. 21.

FEMA is planning to open the DRC one hour later than previously scheduled, 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., and may make additional changes on Saturday morning based on weather conditions. Please check FEMA's [DRC locator website](#) for up-to-date hours.

The center is located at:

## 1. Bluefield Disaster Recovery Center



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Maple View Church of Christ

194 Robins Rest Rd.

Bluefield, WV 24701

Hours of operation:

Saturday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22: Closed

Monday, Dec. 23: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25: Closed

Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed on Sunday

Survivors do not have to visit a DRC to register with FEMA. You can call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The toll-free telephone line operates 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. You can also register online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or through the [FEMA App](#) on your phone.

The deadline to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is Feb. 7, 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a Mercer County resident who applied previously in Virginia for damage from Hurricane Helene, please contact FEMA at 800-621-3362 or online at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) to discuss your application. Please use the FEMA registration number you were assigned when you applied.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [emd.wv.gov](https://emd.wv.gov), [West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page](#), [www.fema.gov/disaster/4851](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4851) and [www.facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA).



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