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Recovery News

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN CIRCLEVILLE

ALBANY, N.Y. – A state and federal Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will open in Circleville in Orange County on Tuesday, Nov. 15, for two days to serve those affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

The center will be set up in Circleville Fire Station No. 1 at 2147 State Route 302. Operating hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. The DRC will close at 8 p.m. Nov. 16.

The center will be staffed with disaster-recovery specialists who can provide information and answer questions for individuals, households and businesses, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials said.

FEMA strongly recommends that persons adversely affected by Tropical Storm Lee register before visiting the DRC. By phone, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. The toll-free line is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

People with speech disabilities can use the TTY number, 800-462-7585. Applicants can also register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with any web-enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance."

Information needed when registering with FEMA includes the address of the damaged property, names of those living in the household, a general description of the damage, the Social Security number of any family member living in the home, the extent of insurance coverage and certain other information needed to expedite the process.

New York state agencies will join FEMA to provide services to the public at the DRC. These include, but are not limited to, information about state disaster aid and help for unemployed persons and displaced workers as a result of the storms; information for senior citizens about state-funded programs; access to forms and services pertaining to motor vehicle issues; coordination and assistance with any needs for daycare services; and access to MyBenefits pre-screening tool. Representatives of these and other agencies will participate as determined by need.

Also on hand will be specialists from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) who can explain the low-interest loan packages available to individuals, nonprofits and businesses of any size. These loans are for the repair or replacement of real estate and/or personal property damaged by the storm and related flooding, officials said.

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