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# News Release

## **FIRST DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN SATURDAY IN NEW JERSEY**

**FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY** -- Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will open Saturday, April 10 in three of the 12 federally declared New Jersey counties to assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the storms and flooding of mid-March.

DRCs are planned for all designated counties and openings will be announced as arrangements are finalized.

Each DRC is staffed with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Small Business Administration and state agency disaster recovery specialists who are ready to help survivors through the process.

Residents are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a center.

To register for assistance, residents should call FEMA's toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY/TDD 1-800-462-7585** for the speech and hearing impaired (for relay service, call 711 or 1-800-852-7897) between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., seven days a week. Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls during this time. Residents may also register online anytime at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

At the Disaster Recovery Center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- May receive referrals to voluntary agencies to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disasters.

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Until further notice, locations and daily hours of the DCRs are:

**Atlantic County**

Belcoville Firehouse  
1201 Loretta Avenue  
Belcoville, NJ 08330  
(in Weymouth Township, off Route 50)  
Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

**Morris County**

Lincoln Park PAL Community Center Building  
10 Boonton Turnpike  
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035  
Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

**Somerset County**

Facilities & Services Building  
80 East High Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Somerville, NJ 08876  
Hours of operation: 10 am – 6 pm, Monday-Saturday.

The DRCs are closed on Sundays.

More information on recovering from disasters is available online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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