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Disaster News

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN MORTON

Lewis County Disaster Recovery Center to shift operations

OLYMPIA—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD) officials announced that beginning this week, Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will be closed on Sundays. Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.

The DRC in Chehalis will be closed after Saturday, Feb. 14:

**Yard Birds Mall
2100 N National Ave, 2nd floor
Chehalis, WA 98532**

Monday, Feb. 16 at noon, FEMA and the state will open a DRC in Morton:

**Bob Lyle Community Center
700 Main St
Morton, WA 98356**

It is not necessary to visit a DRC to register for assistance. Applicants can register for disaster assistance by calling, toll-free, **1-800-621-3362 (FEMA)** (TTY 1-800-462-7585) 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, or register online at www.disasterassistance.gov. While it is possible to register at a DRC, FEMA and WEMD officials encourage people to register before visiting.

DRCs provide disaster assistant applicants with one-on-one information regarding:

- Application status
- FEMA and state disaster assistance programs
- SBA low-interest disaster loans and how to complete the loan application
- Smart building techniques to reduce damage from future floods, and
- Flood insurance

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There are currently five other DRC locations in Washington:

**Auburn SuperMall (Inside – opposite Sam’s Club)
1101 Supermall Way, Suite 1157
Auburn, WA 98001**

**Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House)
1942 First Ave
Longview, WA 98632**

**Evergreen State Fairgrounds
14405 179th Ave SE, Building 501
Monroe, WA 98272**

**Westfield Capital Shopping Center
625 Black Lake Blvd, Suite 374
Olympia, WA 98502**

**South Hill Mall (located near the old J.C. Penny’s entrance)
3500 S. Meridian, Suite 940
Puyallup, WA 98373**

**Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, basement entrance
324 Jackson Ave.
Raymond, WA 98577**

FEMA’s Web site provides a DRC locator tool to find the DRC closest to you:

<https://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/drcLocator.jsp>.

Residents of following counties are eligible to receive disaster assistance: Benton, Cowlitz, Clallam, Grays Harbor, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom.

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FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

FEMA’s temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Homeowners, renters and business owners with questions for the SBA should call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY 1-800-877-8339).