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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN NASH COUNTY

RALEIGH, N.C. – A short-term disaster recovery center will open in Nashville at noon Tuesday, Sept. 20, to help survivors with property damage and other setbacks from Hurricane Irene.

Hours for the Nash County center are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will permanently close Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

The center is located at:

**Nash County Agricultural Center
1006 Eastern Ave.
Nashville, N.C. 27856**

Representatives from North Carolina Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies will be at the center to explain assistance programs and help survivors apply for disaster aid.

There are three ways to register with FEMA for help or information regarding disaster assistance:

1. Call **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Help is available in most languages. People who have a speech disability or are deaf or hard of hearing may call (TTY) **800-462-7585**; users of **711** or Video Relay Service can call **800-621-3362**.
2. Register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
3. Register using a tablet or smartphone by visiting m.fema.gov.

Disaster recovery centers are already open in **Barco, Chocowinity, Columbia, Grantsboro, Greenville, Halifax, Hobucken, Jacksonville, Kinston, Manteo, Morehead City, New Bern, Plymouth, Rodanthe** (closes Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.), **Snow Hill, Swan Quarter and Tarboro** (closes Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.). A complete list of disaster recovery centers is available through the Hurricane Irene tab at www.nccrimecontrol.org or the FEMA locator at www.fema.gov/drclocator.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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.

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