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FOUR MORE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN IN ALABAMA

ATLANTA – Four disaster recovery centers have opened in Alabama to help those whose homes or businesses were affected by recent storms and tornadoes in Cullman, Franklin and Tuscaloosa counties. The centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies will staff the centers to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors apply.

The disaster recovery centers are located at the following addresses:

Cullman County

1701 2nd Ave S.W.
Cullman, Ala.

Franklin County

Russellville Parks and Recreation Center
204 Ash Ave.
Russellville, Ala.

Tuscaloosa County

American Legion Hall
3210 University Blvd. E
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Coaling Town Hall

11281 Stephens Loop Road
Coaling, Ala.

If possible, before going to a disaster recovery center, people with storm losses should register with FEMA by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Help is available in most languages. Those with speech or hearing impairment may call (TTY) **800-462-7585**.

Persons affected by the storms can also apply for federal assistance through a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to “apply online for federal assistance.”

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Federal disaster assistance can include grants for rental assistance and home repairs, low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help recover from the effects of the disaster.

Editor's note - The following disaster recovery centers have already opened:

DeKalb County

Tom Bevell Center
115 Main St. W
Rainsville, Ala.

Jefferson County

Union Hill Baptist Church
7049 Taylors Ferry Road
Bessemer, Ala.

National Guard Armory
140 Cane Creek Road
Warrior, Ala.

Old Ashley Furniture Store
3429 Lowery Parkway
Fultondale, Ala.

Marengo County

National Guard Armory
2599 East Coats Ave.
Linden, Ala.

Sumter County

Geiger Town Hall
201 Broadway St.
Geiger, Ala.

Walker County

Cordova High School
183 School Road
Cordova, Ala.

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.

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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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For more information on Alabama's disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://www.ema.alabama.gov/>.

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