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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Disaster Recovery Centers are now open in Williamstown and Pittsfield in Berkshire County to serve those whose homes or businesses were affected by Tropical Storm Irene.

Representatives from the [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#), the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#), along with other agencies, are on hand to explain disaster assistance programs and help you through the recovery process. The Recovery Centers are open at the following locations:

Williamstown

Developers Finance Corporation Building
430 Main Street

Pittsfield

Berkshire Athenaeum
Pittsfield's Public Library
1 Wendell Avenue

The centers will operate from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, Monday through Saturday, until further notice. Additional disaster recovery centers are expected to open throughout the declared counties.

If you have damage or losses as a result of the tropical storm, you are encouraged to register with FEMA before going to the recovery center. You may register by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Help is available in most languages. The deaf, hard of hearing or those with a speech disability may call (TTY) **800-462-7585**.

You also can apply using a Web-enabled mobile device or smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link "apply online for federal assistance."

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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