

Lamar County Disaster Recovery Center Changing Hours, Closing Tuesday

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HATTIESBURG, Miss.--The disaster recovery center in Lamar County is adjusting hours of operation beginning Saturday. The center, run jointly by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The center is located at:

Lamar County Community Shelter 99 Central Industrial Row, Purvis, MS 39475

Hours of operation:

- Through Friday, Feb. 3, the center will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 4, the center will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 5, the center will be open noon to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 6, the center will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, the center will be open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After the center closes Tuesday, storm survivors in Lamar County can still get help by visiting one of two remaining disaster recovery centers located in Forrest County or they can call the FEMA helpline. Many of the same services available at a disaster recovery center are also available by calling the helpline. Locations for the Forrest County centers can be found by calling the FEMA helpline, by downloading the FEMA app or by visiting fema.gov/DRC.

MEMA and FEMA encourage Mississippi survivors who registered for disaster assistance with FEMA to stay in touch. If survivors change mailing addresses or phone numbers, they should update FEMA with the information. Missing or incorrect information could result in delays in receiving assistance.

Survivors in Forrest, Lamar, Lauderdale and Perry counties who have not yet registered for federal assistance can do so one of the following ways:



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- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Download [the FEMA mobile app](#).
- FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are open daily from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.**
- Help is available in most languages and information on the registration process is available in American Sign Language at www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/111546.
- Survivors who need help registering with FEMA can do so at a disaster recovery center.

Survivors with a communication-related disability may request reasonable accommodations to aid in communication. For instance, they may request an American Sign Language interpreter. Accommodations can be requested by contacting (770) 241-5525 or (800) 621-3362.

For more information on Mississippi's tornado recovery, go to fema.gov/disaster/4295 or visit the MEMA site at msema.org. Follow MEMA on Facebook facebook.com/msemaorg and on Twitter @msema.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).

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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