

Disaster Recovery Center to Open at University Center Mall in Anchorage

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska – A disaster recovery center operated by the state of Alaska and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open Sunday, Feb. 24, at the University Center Mall to provide in-person advice and referrals to those affected by the Nov. 30 earthquake.

Center location and hours are:

**University of Alaska Annex at University Center Mall
3901 Old Seward Highway
Suite 153
Anchorage, AK 99503**

**Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Alaska homeowners, renters and business owners in Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough may apply for assistance for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses resulting from the earthquake.

Disaster recovery centers are staffed by representatives from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal, state and local agencies. One-on-one assistance includes:

- Help to register for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.
- Help completing paperwork and checking the status of your application.
- Help applying for the SBA's low-interest disaster loans for businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters.
- Help understanding how to appeal FEMA eligibility decisions.
- All disaster recovery centers are physically accessible and offer effective communication options including captioned phones, Video Remote Interpreting, American Sign Language interpreters upon request and assistive listening



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devices.

- If you need an accommodation or assistance due to a disability, notify FEMA staff at the time of registration or anytime during the assistance process.

Applicants for disaster assistance should have the following information on hand:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Many of the services available at disaster recovery centers are also available by calling the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362 (FEMA)**, **voice/VP/711**. Multilingual operators are available. **TTY** users may call **800-462-7585**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.

Businesses and residents can visit www.SBA.gov/disaster or contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955**. TTY users may also call **800-877-8339**. Applicants may also email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

For more information on Alaska's disaster recovery, visit FEMA.gov/disaster/4413, [Twitter.com/FEMARegion10](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion10) and [Facebook.com/FEMA](https://facebook.com/FEMA).

