

# Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Mitchell County

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**RALEIGH, N.C.** - A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is opening Wednesday, Oct. 16 in Bakersville (Mitchell County) to assist North Carolina survivors who experienced loss from Helene.

The Mitchell County DRC is located at:

Mitchell County Senior Center

152 Ledger School Road

Bakersville, NC 28705

Open: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday

A DRC is a one-stop shop where survivors can meet face-to-face with FEMA representatives, apply for FEMA assistance, receive referrals to local assistance in their area, apply with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for low-interest disaster loans and much more.

FEMA financial assistance may include money for basic home repairs, personal property losses or other uninsured, disaster-related needs, such as childcare, transportation, medical needs, funeral, or dental expenses.

Centers are already open in Asheville, Boone, Lenoir, Marion, and Sylva with additional centers scheduled to open in the coming days. To find those center locations go to [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc) or text "DRC" and a Zip Code to 43362. All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.??

Homeowners and renters in [27 North Carolina counties and tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians](#) can visit any open center, including locations in other states. No appointment is needed.?



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It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for FEMA assistance. The fastest way to apply is online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or via the [FEMA app](#). You may also call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

For the latest information about North Carolina recovery, visit [Hurricane Helene | NC DPS](#) or [fema.gov/disaster/4827](https://fema.gov/disaster/4827). Follow FEMA on X at [x.com/femaregion4](https://x.com/femaregion4) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).



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