FEMA Mitigation Experts Offer Rebuilding Advice in Hernando County

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TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.** – As Floridians rebuild, survivors of Hurricanes Milton, Helene and Debby can get free advice on how to rebuild stronger and safer against storms. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available to answer questions and offer free home improvement tips and proven methods to prevent and lessen damage from future disasters. This information is geared for do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Mitigation is an effort to reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of a disaster through construction and remodeling best practices.

Disaster Survivor Assistance teams will be on hand to help survivors apply for assistance. An insurance specialist will also be present to answer National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) questions.

FEMA specialists will be available at the following location:

The Home Depot 4765 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL 34606

- 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday Friday, Dec. 9 13
- 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET, Saturday, Dec. 14

Homeowners and renters impacted by Hurricanes Milton and Helene are encouraged to apply for FEMA assistance before the Jan. 7 deadline.

How to Apply

The quickest way to apply is online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or by using the <u>FEMA App.</u> You may also apply by phone at **800-621-3362.** Lines are open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, captioned



telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to <u>FEMA Accessible: Applying</u> for Individual Assistance - YouTube.

For the latest information about Hurricane Milton recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4834. For Hurricane Helene recovery information, visit fema.gov/disaster/4828. For Hurricane Debby, visit fema.gov/disaster/4806. Follow FEMA on X at x.com/femaregion4 or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.

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