

Disaster Recovery Centers to Close but FEMA Help Still Available

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Disaster Recovery Centers in **Charleston, Georgetown and Horry** counties are closing next week but that does not mean that FEMA is leaving the state.

FEMA specialists are still available to help Hurricane Ian disaster survivors update information in your accounts and direct you to federal, state and community programs and assistance. FEMA is also continuing its work with the state and other partners to help South Carolina recover from the storm.

Regular operating hours for the recovery centers are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Center operations will wrap up as follows:

- **Charleston:** North Charleston Public Works, 5800 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston, SC 29406
- **6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19**
- **Georgetown:** Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, 83 Duncan Ave., Pawleys Island, SC 29585
- **6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21**
- **Horry:** Carolina Forest Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room B, 2254 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
- **6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22**

More than 600 disaster survivors have visited the three centers to get information or referrals to programs offered by FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal, state and local partners.



Even with the scheduled closings, help from FEMA is just a phone call away. Survivors can get answers from specialists at the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362**. Helpline operators speak many languages and lines are open from **7 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily**. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language. It is important to stay in touch with FEMA if you change your address or phone number, even if only temporarily.

The deadline to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is **Monday, Jan. 23, 2023**.

