

FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Center in Forrest County Changes Hours of Operation Saturday; Sets Tentative Closing Date

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HATTIESBURG, MS – The MEMA/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Forrest County will no longer be open Saturdays. New hours of operation at the center are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, effectively immediately.

The center also is tentatively set to close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The center is located at:

C. E. Roy Community Center 300 E. 5th Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Many of the same services available at a disaster recovery center also are available by calling the FEMA helpline.

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.

If you haven't contacted FEMA to register for possible assistance, do so as soon as possible because the deadline to register is Monday, March 27. Register:

- ? Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- ? Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585.
- ? Download the FEMA Mobile App and apply.
- ? If you need to speak with a FEMA employee in person, visit the Forrest County Disaster Recovery Center before it closes.



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Survivors requiring a reasonable accommodation (American Sign Language interpreting, Braille, large print, etc.) while visiting the disaster recovery center may call the Helpline number listed above for support. These toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week.

Help is available in many languages.

Information on the registration process is available in ASL at www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/111546.

FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare or other federal benefits.

Register even if you have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but if you are underinsured you may receive help after your claim has been settled.

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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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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).



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