

FEMA Offers Repair and Rebuilding Advice in San Juan and Ponce

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – As the people of Puerto Rico rebuild homes damaged by the flooding and hurricanes of September, FEMA and The Home Depot have teamed up to provide free information, tips and literature on how to make homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer home improvement tips along with proven methods to prevent or reduce damage from future disasters as well as offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes. Most of the information and free publications provided are geared for do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes.

All information and assistance will be available in English and Spanish.

FEMA advisors will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Jan. 15 through Jan 19**, at these Home Depot locations:

Home Depot
3305 Baramaya Street
Reina Del Sur Shopping Center
Los Romero Ave. Ponce, PR 00730

Home Depot
Road #52 Hwy Luis A. Ferré Exit 4 A
Montehiedra Town Center
San Juan, PR 00926

Survivors impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or toll-free at [800-621-3362](tel:8006213362) (voice, 711/VRS - Video



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Relay Service). Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). For TTY call [800-462-7585](tel:800-462-7585). Lines are open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Registering with FEMA is the first step toward qualifying for disaster assistance which may include grants to help homeowners and renters pay for temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacements and disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS - Video Relay Service.) Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). TTY call 800 -462-7585.

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