

FEMA Specialists to Offer Mitigation Tips at Home Depot in Fayetteville

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RALEIGH, N.C. – Disaster survivors can get tips and advice on how to rebuild stronger against future storm damage at The Home Depot location in Fayetteville starting Oct. 10.

FEMA flood mitigation specialists can answer questions about home repair, making disaster plans, putting together supply kits and the importance of flood insurance.

Mitigation is the effort to reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of future disasters. The mitigation specialists will be available at:

The Home Depot

2060 Skibo Road

Fayetteville, N.C. 28314

Wednesday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 26, 2018

from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

More mitigation events will be held at home improvement stores in disaster-affected North Carolina counties in the coming weeks.

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FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during and after disasters.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit [NCDPS.gov/NCEM](https://www.ncdps.gov/NCEM) and [FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393](https://www.fema.gov/Disaster/4393). Follow us on Twitter: [@NCEmergency](https://twitter.com/NCEmergency) and [@FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4).

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 (711/VRS - Video Relay Service). Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). TTY call [800-462-7585](tel:800-462-7585).

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.



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