Suffolk County Disaster Recovery Center Closing Permanently Oct. 30

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The Suffolk County Disaster Recovery Center will close permanently at 6 p.m. Saturday but residents affected by Hurricane Ida can still get help with their FEMA applications for disaster assistance. Help is only as far away as your telephone, computer or mobile device.

The recovery center is located at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center at 739 NY-25A in Mount Sinai. While this is the only recovery center serving Suffolk County, seven other Disaster Recovery Centers in neighboring counties remain open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday. All are closed on Sundays. They are

- Hostos College, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451
- Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543
- Queens College, 152-45 Melbourne Ave., Queens, NY 11367
- Medgar Evers College, 231 Crown St., Brooklyn, NY 11225
- College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314
- Michael J. Tully Park Physical Activity Center, 1801 Evergreen Ave., New Hyde Park, NY 11040
- Orangetown Soccer Club Complex, 175 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962

Specialists at the centers are available to answer your questions including those about delays in receiving a response from FEMA about your eligibility for assistance and help to upload documents to your account.

You may also visit any Disaster Recovery Centers and meet with FEMA staff and representatives of other federal and state agencies. The centers also allow access to technology for those with disabilities. If you need specialized technology equipment, tell the specialist when you call the FEMA Helpline.

To apply for FEMA assistance, visit <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, use the FEMA mobile app or call the **FEMA Helpline** at **800-621-3362**. If you use video relay service



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(VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Helpline operators are available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language.

Survivors do not need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to get help. If you live in the **Bronx**, **Dutchess**, **Kings**, **Nassau**, **Queens**, **Richmond**, **Rockland**, **Suffolk or Westchester County**, and you have damage, losses or are unable to live in your home as a direct result of Hurricane Ida, you are encouraged to apply for FEMA disaster assistance before visiting a recovery center.

The deadline to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is **Monday**, **Dec. 6**.

For additional online resources as well as FEMA downloadable pamphlets and other aids, visit DisasterAssistance.gov and click "Information."

For referrals to agencies that support community-specific needs, call 211 or visit 211nys.org/contact-us. For New York City residents, call 311.

For the latest information on New York's recovery efforts, visit fema.gov/disaster/4615. Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/FEMARegion2 and on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.

