

Disaster Recovery Center in Gulf County to Change Locations

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The State/FEMA disaster recovery center in Gulf County will relocate from Wewahitchka to Port St. Joe on Thursday, Jan. 31.

The Wewahitchka center opened Oct. 30 in the Wewahitchka Branch Library, 314 N. 2nd St, Wewahitchka, FL 32465. It will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30. As of Jan. 26, the center had provided 2,220 visitors with information about disaster assistance as well as answering questions survivors may have.

The new center will be at the Port St. Joe Fire Department, 404 Williams Ave., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. Hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Representatives from the state of Florida, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other organizations are at the centers to explain available assistance programs and help connect survivors with resources.

All recovery centers have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms. They offer assistive technology, such as amplified phones and listening devices for people with hearing loss, magnifiers for people with vision loss, and video remote interpreting. American Sign Language interpreter may be available in-person by scheduling a day in advance.

To locate a disaster recovery center go to: fema.gov/DRC.

Residents of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla, and Washington counties may register for disaster assistance to address losses as a direct result of Hurricane Michael.

To register:

Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov



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Call 800-621-3362 (voice/711/VRS) or 800-462-7585 (TTY) anytime from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

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For a list of resources available to individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Michael, visit www.floridadisaster.org/info.

For more Hurricane Michael recovery information, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4399.

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