

Recovery News

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO OPEN IN THREE PARISHES

BATON ROUGE, La. — Three Disaster Recovery Centers will open today at 11 a.m. for homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Isaac.

Specialists from the state of Louisiana, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on the types of assistance available to survivors.

“The recovery centers serve as a one-stop shop for folks who need one-on-one assistance,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Gerard M. Stolar. “The state and federal professionals are there to help eligible survivors get help as quickly as possible.”

Locations and hours:

Plaquemines Parish

Belle Chasse Auditorium
8398 Hwy. 23
Belle Chasse, La. 70037
Saturday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Sunday until further notice

St. John Parish

1931 W. Airline Hwy.
LaPlace, La. 70068
Saturday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Sunday until further notice

St. Tammany Parish

Towers Building
520 Old Spanish Trail
Slidell, La. 70458
Saturday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Sunday until further notice

The recovery centers will be open on Labor Day.

Disaster recovery officials work closely with community leaders to find a location that provides safe and easy access for all survivors. More recovery centers will open as sites are identified and approved.

Visiting with a recovery specialist is not a requirement for survivors who want disaster assistance, but the centers are an excellent way for people to get answers to their questions about disaster aid and help applying for it.

The presidential disaster declaration for Hurricane Isaac now makes available federal assistance to eligible survivors in Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John and St. Tammany parishes.

Individuals can register online at www.disasterassistance.gov or via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov. Applicants may also call [1-800-621-3362](tel:1-800-621-3362) or (TTY) [1-800-462-7585](tel:1-800-462-7585). If you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS), call [1-800-621-3362](tel:1-800-621-3362). The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Federal disaster assistance includes grants for eligible applicants to help pay for emergency home repairs, uninsured personal property losses and medical, dental and funeral expenses caused by the disaster, along with other disaster-related expenses and other needs.

SBA offers federal low-interest loans to residents and businesses. After registering with FEMA, visit any Disaster Recovery Center where SBA representatives will answer questions, explain the application process and help each resident or business owner apply to SBA. For SBA information or to apply online, visit www.sba.gov or call [1-800-659-2955](tel:1-800-659-2955). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call [1-800-877-8339](tel:1-800-877-8339).

For more information on Louisiana disaster recovery, visit online at www.fema.gov/disaster/4080 or www.gohsep.la.gov. You can follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/femaregion6 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMA. Also visit our blog at www.fema.gov/blog.

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