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SIX DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS CLOSING, BUT AID STILL AVAILABLE

BURLINGTON, Vt. -- Federal and state officials announce the closing of six disaster recovery centers this next week**,** but assistance is still only a phone call away for Vermonters who were affected by Tropical Storm Irene flooding and they can still apply for federal disaster assistance until **Monday, Oct. 31st.**

The centers which are **closing** are located in **Brattleboro, Woodstock, Killington, Northfield, Bennington**, and **Hartford**. Nearly 3,200 applicants have visited one of the 11 temporary fixed sites.

Other centers in **Lyndonville, Ludlow, Rutland, Dover**, and **Waterbury** will **continue to serve** Vermonters and be open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, a mobile disaster recovery center vehicle is now making short visits to several Vermont communities.

It is not necessary for Vermonters affected by Tropical Storm Irene to visit a center in order to receive disaster assistance. In fact, people with storm-related losses are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a center.

Register by calling toll-free **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, online at **www.DisasterAssistance.gov** or via a web-enabled mobile device at **m.fema.gov**. Multilingual registration assistance is available if needed. Those with a speech disability or hearing loss who use a TTY can call 800-462-7585 directly; or 800-621-3362 if using 711 or Video Relay Service.

Those who have questions about disaster assistance can call **800-621-3362** and select the "help" option. Applicants who would like to speak to someone face to face can visit a center, which is staffed with disaster recovery specialists from various federal, state and local agencies and organizations who can answer questions about disaster assistance.

The following two centers will close at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4
Living Memorial Park Skating Rink
61 Memorial Park Drive
Brattleboro, VT 05301

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The Rock Church
473 Woodstock Road
Woodstock, VT 05091

The following two centers will close at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5

U.S. Post Office (Upstairs)
2046 Route 4
Killington, VT 05751

Northfield Library (Community Room)
93 South Main Street
Northfield, VT 05663

The following two centers will close at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6

Bennington Fire Department
130 River Street
Bennington, VT 05201

Hartford Fire Department
2nd Floor Training Room
812 VA Cutoff Road
White River Junction, VT 05001

The five centers below will remain open.
Hours are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Municipal Office Building
119 Park Avenue
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Okemo Market Place
Between **Cool Moose** and **Dark Side Snowboard Shop**
57 Pond Street, Suite #4
Ludlow, VT 05149

Rutland Heart Center
1 Commons Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Dover Town Hall
120 Taft Brook Road
Dover, VT 05341

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Waterbury Fire Department
43 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676

The mobile disaster recovery center vehicle will be open this weekend in Bethel. It is equipped with phone and computer connectivity. The following is the vehicle's schedule of visits to Vermont communities:

- **Windsor County**
  Bethel Town Hall,
  318 Main St., Bethel 05032
  Opening noon – 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30;
  8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct.1; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2

- **Addison County**
  Hancock Town Hall
  1097 Rt. 100, Hancock 05748
  Opening noon – 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3;
  8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5

- **Windsor County**
  South Royalton Journey Church
  412 S. Windsor St., South Royalton 05068
  Opening noon – 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6;
  8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders and to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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-FEMA (3362). Those with a speech disability or hearing loss who use a TTY may call 1-800-462-7585 directly; or call 1-800-621-3362 if using 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS).

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.

SBA disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov or completed on-line at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

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