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# E-News Update

*This E-News Update provides information on federal and state resources available to help New Jersey businesses and employees recover from Hurricane Sandy. We welcome your comments, questions, good stories and topic ideas at [FEMA-ExternalAffairs-DR-4086-NJ@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-ExternalAffairs-DR-4086-NJ@fema.dhs.gov) or by calling 732-345-3683.*

## New Jersey Disaster Recovery Numbers (At close of business November 26)

- Registrations approved for Individual Assistance.....48,133 households
- Dispersed Housing and Other Needs Assistance.....More than \$257 million
- Deadline for FEMA registration and SBA loan application .....December 31, 2012

## All New Jersey Counties Approved for Federal Assistance

Homeowners, renters and businesses in New Jersey that suffered disaster-related damage or loss from Hurricane Sandy should register for federal and state disaster assistance the following ways: [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), [m.FEMA.gov](http://m.FEMA.gov), 800-621-FEMA (3362) including 711/Video Relay Service, TTY 800-462-7585. Phones answered 24 hours per day. Multilingual operators are available.

## Disaster Unemployment Assistance Now Available

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance](http://DisasterUnemploymentAssistance) is now available to individuals, including the self-employed, who were living or working in the affected counties at the time of Hurricane Sandy, and are now unemployed, or were not able to work as a direct result of the storm. Most workers may already qualify for regular unemployment. Federal disaster unemployment assistance is a special program for people who otherwise may not be eligible for regular unemployment.

**DISASTER  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
CLAIMS**

Anyone who is unemployed or were not able to work because of the disaster that began on Oct. 28 should first file for unemployment insurance benefits through the Internet by going to [NJUIfile.net](http://NJUIfile.net). Or file a claim by contacting the state Department of Labor's Re-employment Call Centers:

**North Jersey** 201-601-4100 | **Central Jersey** 732-761-2020 | **South Jersey** 856-507-2340

A 30-day deadline ending December 3 is in effect for filing unemployment claims resulting from Hurricane Sandy. For additional information call 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585 or go online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).

For information on all New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development programs and services visit [LWD.dol.State.NJ.US/Labor](http://LWD.dol.State.NJ.US/Labor) and [Jobs4Jersey.com](http://Jobs4Jersey.com).

## Business Emergency Operations Center

As a part of the Private Sector Division [National Business Emergency Operations Center](http://NationalBusinessEmergencyOperationsCenter) (NBOEC) program the Business Emergency Operations Center Alliance (BEOC) has [activated at the New Jersey Institute of Technology](http://activatedattheNewJerseyInstituteofTechnology). The center has begun gathering specific needs of small, medium and large businesses adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy. If a business has disaster-related needs or would like more information call 973-596-5482, 973-596-5292 or email [BEOC@NJIT.edu](mailto:BEOC@NJIT.edu).

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## Doing Business with FEMA

When FEMA goes into a state for response to a disaster, every effort is made to work with local businesses and buy goods and services locally. The Industry Liaison Program is the one point of entry for vendors seeking to do business with FEMA. Vendors should register with the System for Award Management or call 866-606-8220. This system replaces the Central Contractor Registry. The program also coordinates vendor presentation meetings with program offices and Industry Day conferences, and conducts market research and performs vendor analysis reporting.

The liaison program also maintains an internal repository – used to supplement market research for contracting officers – of vendors who contact FEMA. Staffed with a help desk, the program processes and routes vendor profile data to the appropriate FEMA program offices, including the Small Business Office, for follow-up.

To receive a Vendor Profile Form, email a request to [FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov) or call 202-646-1895. Contact the Industry Liaison Program at [FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov) or 202-646-1895.

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## Telephone Hotline for New Jersey Disaster Legal Services

A toll-free hotline, 888-541-1900, is now available in New Jersey for people with [storm-related legal issues](#). The service is provided by members of the Young Lawyers Division of the New Jersey Bar Association. There is no charge to call the hotline to request free legal assistance. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Voice messages can be left if the office is not staffed. Assistance includes:

- Replacing legal documents that may have been lost due to flooding;
- Help with life, medical and property insurance-related claims;
- Help with consumer protection matters, remedies and procedures;
- Counseling on mortgage-foreclosure;
- Counseling on landlord/tenant problems;
- Creditor-debtor matters; and
- FEMA appeals.

Callers are interviewed to determine what help they need and matched with a volunteer attorney who can provide assistance or general legal information regarding their issue. When calling, survivors should make clear that they are seeking legal assistance related to Hurricane Sandy. The hotline is part of a long-standing partnership between FEMA and the American Bar Association.

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## Insurance Agent Disaster Briefings

Disaster briefings about the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) (NFIP) are being planned for New Jersey insurance agents. The dates and locations will be announced soon and the briefings will cover:

- How agents can assist policyholders in the claim process;
- Discussions about the NFIP;
- The role of agents in the claims process;
- Guidance on policy coverage and limitations;
- The claim handling and appeal process; and
- Insurance requirements for Special Flood Hazard Areas and the Group Flood Insurance Program.



## Free Advice on Building “Stronger, Safer, Smarter”

Your home or business has been damaged and you want to get it back to where it was before Hurricane Sandy. Or, maybe you’re looking to rebuild and need smart ideas on how to build stronger and safer. Knowledgeable and reliable advice is available at a nearby home improvement store daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Nov. 28-Dec. 3. Hazard mitigation specialists from FEMA are on-site to answer your questions and help you rebuild stronger, safer and smarter. They specialize in building techniques that reduce the potential for damage to your home, business and property from future disasters. Besides answering your questions, get other tips and techniques:

- Proper mold and mildew clean-up.
- Flood- and wind-resistant building methods.
- Wind straps.
- Flood insurance.
- Suggestions to build stronger and safer.
- Retrofitting buildings.
- Elevating utilities.

Free publications on these topics are available and there is no charge to talk with specialists. Additional sites and dates will be announced soon.

Atlantic County Home Depot #975 421 Absecon Blvd. Absecon 08201	Hudson County Lowe’s #2676 400 Bayonne Crossing Way Bayonne 07002	Ocean County Home Depot #920 1334 Lakewood Road Toms River 08755	Union County Lowe’s #1939 1721 Morris Avenue Union 07083
Hudson County Home Depot #6845 180 Twelfth Street Jersey City 07310	Monmouth County Home Depot #907 310 Highway 36 West Long Branch 07764	Middlesex County Lowe’s #1658 51 Woodbridge Center Drive Woodbridge 07095	

## Recovery Centers Open Daily

Survivors of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey can visit one of 33 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The DRCs in Camden and Hunterdon counties close at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. Anyone can visit a DRC in any county and even another state. Those affected by Sandy are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a DRC. All centers have representatives to answer questions about assistance and recovery programs. Center times and locations may change. The locations are as follows (to ensure the most current information go online to [FEMA.gov/DRCLocator](http://FEMA.gov/DRCLocator)).



<b>Atlantic County</b> Atlantic City Convention Center 1 Convention Blvd., Room 201 Atlantic City, NJ 08401	<b>Hudson County</b> Jersey City Museum 350 Montgomery St. Jersey City, NJ 07302	<b>Ocean County</b> Old Township Building 775 East Bay Ave. Stafford, NJ 08050
<b>Atlantic County</b> Hamilton Mall 4403 Blackhorse Pike (Route 322) Mays Landing, NJ 08330	<b>Hunterdon County</b> Department of Public Safety Annex 77 Park Ave. Flemington, NJ 08822	<b>Ocean County</b> Brick Township Civic Center 270 Chambers Bridge Rd. Brick, NJ 08723
<b>Bergen County</b> Bergen County Plaza 1 Bergen Plaza, 4th Floor Hackensack, NJ 07652	<b>Mercer County (Rotating Center)</b> Mercer County Community College 1200 Old Trenton Road West Windsor, NJ 08550 Open: Monday, Nov. 26-Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday, Dec. 6-	<b>Ocean County</b> Little Egg Harbor Senior Center 641 Radio Road Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08087

	Saturday, Dec. 8	
<b>Burlington County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Burlington Center Mall 2501 Burlington-Mount Holly Road, Ste. 215 Burlington, NJ 08016 Open: Thursday, Nov. 29 – Saturday, Dec. 1 and Monday, Dec. 10 – Wednesday, Dec. 12	<b>Middlesex County</b> Sayreville Senior Center 423 Main St. Sayreville, NJ 08872	<b>Ocean County</b> Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Ctr. 12 Cedars Ave. Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008
<b>Camden County</b> Public Works Building 2311 Egg Harbor Road Lindenwold, NJ 08021 ( <i>Scheduled to close 11/28</i> )	<b>Monmouth County</b> Belmar Municipal Building 601 Main St. Belmar, NJ 07719	<b>Passaic County</b> County Conference Room 317 Pennsylvania Ave. Paterson, NJ 07503
<b>Cape May County</b> Cape May Courthouse Public Library 30 Mechanics St. Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210	<b>Monmouth County</b> Henry Hudson Trail Activity Center 945 Highway 36 Leonardo, NJ 07737	<b>Salem County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Penns Grove EMS Building 25 East Griffith St. Penns Grove, NJ 08069 Open: Monday, Dec. 3-Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 13- Saturday, Dec. 15
<b>Cape May County</b> Ocean City Community Center 1735 Simpson Ave. Ocean City, NJ 08226	<b>Monmouth County</b> Long Branch Fire Station #4 199-205 Union Ave. Long Branch, NJ 07740	<b>Somerset County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Somerset County Human Services 27 Warren St. Somerville, NJ 08876 Open: Monday, Dec. 3-Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 13- Saturday, Dec. 15
<b>Cumberland County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Emergency Management Agency Office 637 Bridgeton Ave., Lower Level Bridgeton, NJ 08302 Open: Monday, Nov. 26-Wednesday., Nov. 28 and Thursday, Dec. 6- Saturday, Dec. 8	<b>Monmouth County</b> Union Beach Municipal Building 650 Poole Ave. Union Beach, NJ 07735	<b>Sussex County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Sussex Co. Community College 1 College Hill Road Newton, NJ 07860 Open: Monday, Dec. 3-Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 13- Saturday, Dec. 15
<b>Essex County</b> Willing Heart Community Care Center 555 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Newark, NJ 07103	<b>Morris County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Morris Plains Community Center 51 Jim Fear Drive Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Open: Monday, Nov. 26-Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday, Dec. 6- Saturday, Dec. 8	<b>Union County</b> Plainfield Senior Citizen’s Service Center 400 E. Front St. Plainfield, NJ 07060
<b>Gloucester County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Government Services Building 1200 North Delsea Dr. Clayton, NJ 08312 Open: Thursday, Nov. 29 – Saturday, Dec. 1 and Monday, Dec. 10 –Wednesday, Dec. 12	<b>Ocean County</b> Bay Head Fire Station #1 81 Bridge Ave. Bay Head, NJ 08742 Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>Union County</b> Chisholm School Community Center 100 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield, NJ 07081
<b>Hudson County</b> Adjacent to Office Depot 59 Washington St. Hoboken, NJ 07030	<b>Ocean County</b> Bell Crest Plaza Store Front 4C 953 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, NJ 08753	<b>Warren County</b> ( <i>Rotating Center</i> ) Franklin Township Municipal Building 2093 Route 57 Broadway, NJ 08808 Thursday, Nov. 29- Saturday, Dec. 1 and Monday, Dec. 10-Wednesday, Dec. 12

In addition to the DRCs, there are also SBA Business Recovery Centers (BRCs) to serve business customers. SBA Customer Service Representatives are available at BRCs to provide one-on-one help to business owners seeking disaster assistance for losses. They are at the following locations daily, unless otherwise noted.

<b>Atlantic County</b> Richard Stockton College 35 South Martin Luther King Blvd. Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday	<b>Middlesex County</b> John F. Kennedy Library 500 Hoes Lane Piscataway, NJ 08854 Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday
<b>Bergen County</b> Bergen Community College 355 Main Street, Room 121 Hackensack, NJ 07601 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday	<b>Monmouth County</b> Brookdale Community College 765 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, NJ 07738 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday
<b>Cape May County</b> Cape May County Chamber of Commerce 13 Crest Haven Road Cape May, NJ 08210 Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday	<b>Ocean County</b> Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce West Bay Avenue Manahawkin, NJ 08050 Hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 7 days a week
<b>Essex County</b> Rutgers University 25 James Street Newark, NJ 07102 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday	<b>Passaic County</b> William Paterson University 131 Ellison Street Paterson, NJ 07505 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday
<b>Hudson County</b> New Jersey City University 285 West Side Avenue Suites 189-191 Jersey City, NJ 07305 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday	<b>Union County</b> Kean University Business One-Stop Service – The Incubator 320 Park Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07060 Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

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