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JEFFERSON COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO CLOSE

ATLANTA—The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the National Guard Armory in Louisville, opened to assist people who suffered losses from the May 11-12 tornadoes, will close permanently at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 4. However, this does not mean an end to the opportunity to apply for federal assistance or to obtain help with an application or appeal, according to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“The Louisville DRC has given people in Jefferson County a convenient location to talk in-person with recovery specialists,” said GEMA Deputy State Coordinating Officer Joe McKinney. “DRCs remain open in nine other counties and people can visit any of them to get help.”

A list of open DRCs is below. The list is found online by entering the search term “disaster recovery centers” at www.gema.ga.gov.

Among the services at a DRC are:

- Guidance regarding disaster recovery
- Clarification of any written correspondence received
- Housing Assistance and Rental Resource information
- Answers to questions, resolution to problems and referrals to agencies that may provide further assistance
- Finding out the status of applications being processed by FEMA
- Information about food stamps, unemployment benefits, and insurance issues
- Information about the Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loan program for homeowners, renters, businesses of any size, and non-profit organizations. SBA has representatives at all DRCs to assist one-on-one with completing and returning the loan application.

“Even after the centers close, assistance remains available every day via a toll-free phone call to the FEMA Helpline as well as online at the FEMA Web site,” said FEMA’s Federal Coordinating Officer Jeff Bryant. “People can continue to use these resources to apply for aid, follow up on their applications or appeal a decision.”

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FEMA officials encourage affected homeowners, renters and business owners, if possible, to register for assistance before they visit a DRC. FEMA's toll free telephone registration and help line, **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time seven days a week. For speech- or hearing-impaired applicants, the TTY number is **800-462-7585**. Applicants can register online any time at www.fema.gov.

**Disaster Recovery Centers
Operating Hours 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.**

Douglas County

Bright Star United Methodist Church
3715 Bright Star Road
Douglasville, GA 30134

Emanuel County

Varner 4-H Center
220 South Circle Drive
Swainsboro, GA 30401

McIntosh County

Coastal Worship Center
14760 Georgia Highway 99
Darien, GA 31305

Johnson County

Kite Fire Department City Hall
102 Railroad Street
Kite, GA 31049

Bibb County

Bloomfield Middle School
4375 Bloomfield Drive
Macon, GA 31206

Johnson County

Johnson County School
150 Trojan Way
Wrightsville, GA 31096

Bibb County

Bruce Elementary School
3660 Houston Ave.
Macon, GA 31206

Carroll County

Industrial Training Building
Carrollton Campus
West Georgia Technical College
166 Education Drive
Carrollton, GA 30116

Laurens County

E. Laurens Primary School Gym
950 U.S. Highway 80 East
Dublin, GA 31027

Jenkins County

Jenkins County Senior Citizens Center
928 East College Avenue
Millen, GA 30442

Twiggs County

Dry Branch Fire Department
5328 Old Gordon Road
Dry Branch, GA 31020

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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SBA's disaster loans are the primary form of federal assistance for non-farm, private sector disaster losses. Disaster loans from SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and nonprofit organizations fund repair and replacement of disaster damaged real and personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 or online at www.sba.gov.

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For more information on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or www.gema.ga.gov or www.georgia911.org