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## STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES HELPING FLOOD SURVIVORS IN 14 GEORGIA COUNTIES

**ATLANTA** – Even as cleanup continues, the state of Georgia and Federal Emergency Management Agency are helping people in 14 counties across north Georgia recover from the severe storms and flooding that started September 18.

President Obama issued a major disaster declaration Thursday for five counties: Carroll, Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas, and Paulding. On Friday, the declaration was expanded to include Catoosa, Chattooga, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker counties.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), where disaster survivors can meet with representatives from federal, state, local and volunteer agencies, are already operating in Cherokee, Cobb and Douglas counties.

Current DRC locations:

- **Cherokee County:** Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Department, 200 Building, 7545 Main Street, Woodstock, operating daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Cobb County:** The Threadmill, Suite 120, 5000 Austell/Powder Springs Road, Austell, operating daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Douglas County:** Lithia Springs First United Methodist Church, 3711 Temple Street, Lithia Springs operating daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., except 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays

Disaster assistance can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also will be available to cover residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

There are two easy ways to begin the application process. Register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. Help in all languages is available.

Callers are advised to have the following information available to help speed up the application process:

- Your current phone number;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;

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- If insured, your insurance policy number, or the agent's and company name;
- General financial information; and
- Bank account code if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

*FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders 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.*

*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.*

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For more information on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.gema.ga.gov](http://www.gema.ga.gov) or [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) or <http://twitter.com/GeorgiaEMA> or [www.afcema.com](http://www.afcema.com)