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FEMA to open Disaster Recovery Center at LCC's West Campus

Federal assistance available for those impacted by August storms

EATON COUNTY, MI - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is set to establish a pivotal resource for residents affected by the August 24-26, 2023, storms by establishing a Disaster Recovery Center at Lansing Community College's West Campus.

Eaton County residents grappling with uninsured or underinsured property damage stemming from the August storms can find crucial assistance at the center. Federal assistance may include temporary lodging, basic home repairs, and other disaster-related expenses.

The center will be open on the following dates at this location:

Opening 8 a.m., Monday, February 26, at:

Lansing Community College – West Campus

5708 Cornerstone Dr.,

Lansing, MI 48917

Hours: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays

Closing permanently 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Transportation Assistance: If you require transportation to reach LCC West, EATRAN is offering free transportation services to all individuals seeking assistance, ensuring accessibility to the Disaster Recovery Center. Rides need to be scheduled by contacting EATRAN at 517-543-4087. Press option 2 for scheduling to arrange a ride.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers serve as accessible hubs and mobile offices where affected individuals can gain valuable insights into FEMA's range of disaster assistance programs. Whether seeking guidance, applying for aid, or clarifying inquiries about their cases, residents can find comprehensive support at the Disaster Recovery Center.







For more information, contact FEMA by going online to <u>www.disasterassistance.gov</u>, downloading the FEMA app or calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. When calling the FEMA Helpline, multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish and 3 for other languages).

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Founded in 1837 as a pioneering community, Eaton County now boasts a diverse socioeconomic base that includes agriculture, business, automotive, manufacturing, health care, education, and insurance. Residents enjoy all the best of rural and suburban living ideally situated near the greater Lansing region.











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News Release

Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Eaton, Wayne Counties

LANSING, Mich. – FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers will open at 8 a.m. in Eaton and Wayne counties Feb. 26 to help residents in Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties kickstart their recovery after the August 24-26, 2023, severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration at the center can help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance, upload documents, learn about ways to make their property more disaster resistant and get their questions answered in person.

Assistance in languages other than English, including American Sign Language (ASL), and translated materials are available at the centers. Disaster Recovery Center locations are chosen for their accessibility, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible. Accessible parking spaces are available.

All recovery centers are open 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday; closed Sundays.

The centers will open at 8 a.m. Feb. 26 at these locations:

Eaton County: Lansing Community College –West Campus 5708 Cornerstone Drive Lansing, MI 48917 Closing permanently 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Wayne County: **Gibraltar City Hall** 29450 Munro St. Gibraltar, MI 48173 Closing permanently 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Additional centers are open at these locations:

Learn more at <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4757</u>

Macomb County: Opened 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at: **Chesterfield Township Fire Department Central Station** 33991 23 Mile Road Chesterfield, MI 48047 Open until further notice.

Ingham County: Opened 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at: Northeast Ingham Emergency Services Authority 1296 W. Grand River Ave. Williamston, MI 48895 Closing permanently 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Additional recovery centers will be opening soon. To find the center nearest you, visit <u>FEMA.gov/DRC</u>. Survivors may visit any center for assistance.

Survivors don't need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or download the <u>FEMA App</u>. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply. The deadline to apply for assistance is April 8, 2024.

For more information about the disaster recovery operation in Michigan, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4757.

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- Qualified multilingual interpreters.
- Information written in other languages.

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