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## **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN LYNDONVILLE**

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** – Vermonters affected by Tropical Storm Irene may now visit a disaster recovery center in Lyndonville for disaster assistance information.

Municipal Office Building  
119 Park Avenue  
**Lyndonville, VT 05851**

The recovery centers are staffed with disaster recovery specialists from various federal, state and local agencies and organizations who can answer questions about disaster assistance programs.

There are 11 recovery centers open in the state.

Applicants who would like to speak to disaster specialists face-to-face can visit a center between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The newest recovery center in Lyndonville will be open the first Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. as are all other recovery centers.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's individual assistance program covers expenses for temporary housing, home repairs, replacement of damaged personal property and other disaster-related needs, such as medical, dental or transportation costs not covered by insurance or other programs.

Homeowners and renters may also be eligible for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Some applicants may receive an SBA loan application after registering with FEMA. No one is obligated to take out a loan. But if they don't complete the application, they will not be considered for some federal grants.

Anyone who has a question about disaster loans may visit a disaster recovery center to speak with an SBA representative. Staff specialists are also available at the centers to answer other disaster assistance questions. Specialists at the recovery centers can refer applicants to voluntary agencies and provide information to reduce damage in possible future disasters.

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Disaster officials encourage those affected by the storm to register with FEMA before visiting a disaster recovery center by calling toll-free **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or via a web-enabled mobile device at **m.fema.gov**. Multilingual registration assistance is available. 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.

### **Other disaster recovery centers are in the following locations:**

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

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

Bennington Fire Department  
130 River Street  
**Bennington**, VT 05201

The Rock Church  
473 Woodstock Road  
**Woodstock**, VT 05091

Rutland Heart Center  
1 Commons Street  
**Rutland**, VT 05701

Dover Town Hall  
120 Taft Brook Road  
**Dover**, VT 05341

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

Living Memorial Park Skating Rink  
61 Memorial Park Drive  
**Brattleboro**, VT 05301

Waterbury Fire Department  
43 South Main Street  
**Waterbury**, VT 05676

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Hartford Fire Department  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room  
812 VA Cutoff Road  
**White River Junction, VT 05001**

*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.*

*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; or call 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](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Applications can also be downloaded from [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or completed on-line at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.*

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