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MOBILE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TRAVELING THROUGH ADDISON AND WINDSOR COUNTIES

BURLINGTON, Vt. – A mobile disaster recovery center vehicle will be making short visits to several Vermont communities beginning Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Middlebury.

The following is the schedule of the visits:

- **Addison County**
Middlebury VFW Post 7823
530 Exchange St., Middlebury 05753
Opening noon – 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept 27;
8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept, 28; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29
- **Windsor County**
Bethel Town Hall,
318 Main St., Bethel 05032
Opening noon – 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30;
8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct.1; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2
- **Addison County**
Hancock Town Hall
1097 Rt. 100, Hancock 05748
Opening noon – 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3;
8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5
- **Windsor County**
South Royalton Journey Church
412 S. Windsor St., South Royalton 05068
Opening noon – 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6;
8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7; and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8

The mobile vehicle will provide the phone and computer connectivity for a recovery center. These centers are staffed with disaster recovery specialists from various federal, state and local agencies and organizations who can answer questions about disaster assistance programs.

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.

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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.

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 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.

Vermonters affected by Tropical Storm Irene can get assistance seven days a week by visiting one of the disaster recovery centers open throughout the state. They can use the above phone number to find the nearest disaster recovery center or check online at www.fema.gov/drclocator.

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. Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov or completed on-line at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

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