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## **News Release**

## FEMA Disaster Recovery Center to Open in Windham County

WILLISTON, Vt. - A Disaster Recovery Center will open at 8 a.m. Aug. 9 in Jamaica (Windham County) to help Vermont residents affected by the July severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides. The joint recovery center, a temporary facility established in partnership between the town, the state of Vermont and FEMA, will help survivors apply for FEMA assistance, upload documents and answer questions in person.

Regular hours for all recovery centers: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

The Windham County center is located at:

Jamaica Fire Department 4017 VT-30 Jamaica, VT 05343

Other centers are already open at:

Waterbury Armory 294 Armory Drive Waterbury, VT 05676

**ASA Bloomer Building** 88 Merchants Row, Suite 330 Rutland, VT 05701

Barre Auditorium 16 Auditorium Hill Barre, VT 05641

Barton Memorial Building 17 Village Square Barton, VT 05822

Springfield Health Center 100 River St. Springfield, VT 05156

• The Springfield center will close temporarily at 5 p.m. Aug. 10; it will reopen at 1 p.m. Aug. 12.

FEMA relocates Disaster Recovery Centers based on where they are needed most. FEMA works closely with state and municipal partners in determining those sites. Once a location begins to see a significant drop in registration visits, FEMA and the state coordinate new locations where the center may receive more traffic from those in need of assistance.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities and access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology equipment. If you need a reasonable accommodation or sign language interpreter, please call 833-285-7448 (press 2 for Spanish).

Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration will also be at the center to explain how to apply for SBA's low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses, and private nonprofits, and provide information about rebuilding to make homes more disaster resistant.

You don't need to visit a DRC to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**, 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 (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply. The deadline to apply for federal assistance is Sept. 12, 2023.

FEMA is committed to ensuring disaster assistance is accomplished equitably, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Any disaster survivor or member of the public may contact the FEMA Civil Rights Office if they feel that they are the victim of discrimination. FEMA's Civil Rights Office can be contacted toll-free at 833-285-7448. Multilingual operators are available.

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