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News Release

Sunday Hours to Change at Disaster Recovery Centers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The State/FEMA disaster recovery centers in Lee County will change Sunday hours starting March 24.

New hours of operation are 1-5 p.m. Sundays at both disaster recovery centers, with Monday through Saturday open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. local time.

The centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in Lee County affected by the recent tornadoes. Recovery specialists from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the state and other interests are at the centers to talk about available assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance.

Disaster survivors can visit either center at:

Mount Olive Baptist Church
784 Lee Road 298
Smiths Station, AL 36877
EDT Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday
1 – 5 p.m. Sundays (EDT)

Providence Baptist Church
2807 Lee Road 166
Opelika, AL 36804
CDT Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday
1 – 5 p.m. Sundays (CDT)

SBA disaster assistance employees at the recovery centers are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. They can answer questions about SBA's low-interest disaster-loan program and help business owners and residents apply.

The centers are accessible to people with disabilities and have assistive technology equipment for use by disaster survivors with vision loss. Video Remote Interpreting is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

Homeowners, renters and business owners should register for disaster assistance with FEMA before visiting a recovery center by:

- Visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).
- Calling **800-621-3362 (TTY) 800-462-7585**

The following information is helpful when registering:

- Name and Social Security number of the primary applicant.
- Name and Social Security number of secondary/co-applicant (encouraged but not required).
- Current and pre-disaster address.
- Names of all occupants of the pre-disaster household.
- Current contact information.
- Types of insurance held by the household.
- Household pre-disaster annual gross income.
- Losses caused by disaster.
- Banking information for direct deposit of financial assistance, if requested.

If a registered disaster survivor has received a letter or email from FEMA that says he or she is ineligible for FEMA assistance, a good place to find out why and perhaps have FEMA revisit that decision is a disaster recovery center.

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FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

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, 800-462-7585.

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.