

News Release

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AUSTIN, Texas -- The tenth FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is open in Harris County to provide face-to-face assistance to those who suffered damage from Hurricane Ike. The latest DRC are located at:

Wal-Mart Parking Lot
1107 Shaver Blvd.
Pasadena, TX 77506

The center will be open Sunday, Sept 28 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and thereafter from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice.

The other Harris County DRCs are located as follows. All are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

Our Lady of Lavang Church
12311 Old Foltin Road
Houston 77086

Rex Meador Park
2001 Meyer Road
Seabrook 77586

San Jacinto Mall
6109 Garth Road
Baytown 77521

Across from City Hall
200 West Fairmont Parkway
Laporte 77571

African-American Chamber of Commerce
6112 Wheatley Street
Houston 77091

Home Depot
10707 North Freeway (I-45)
Houston 77037

Home Depot
6810 Gulf Freeway (I-45)
Houston 77087

Home Depot
500 Chimney Rock
Houston 77035

Building 1383
14657 Sneider St.
Ellington Joint Reserve Base

Residents are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a DRC. There are two ways to register: log on to www.fema.gov or call

FEMA's toll-free number,

1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or
TTY 1-800-462-7585 .

Both numbers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. Residents should register only once; duplicate registrations may cause delays in the delivery of assistance.

At the DRC, visitors can:

Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.

Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.

Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.

Receive referrals to the American Red Cross and other voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.

Learn cost-effective measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repair and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources. Low-interest disaster loans from the SBA also are available for homeowners, renters and business owners for losses not covered by insurance or other sources.

Residents should carry with them their identification, social security number, insurance information, proof of address and contact numbers when they visit the DRC to expedite the process.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.