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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO OPEN IN ALCORN COUNTY

Specialists available to assist storm survivors in five northern Mississippi counties

CLINTON, Miss. – Less than 24 hours after the major disaster declaration for Mississippi, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency will open a Disaster Recovery Center Saturday, May 15 in Corinth to serve those affected by the May 1-2 storms and tornadoes.

Until further notice, the recovery center will operate Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays noon until 6 p.m. at the following location:

**MEMA/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center
Alcorn Arena
2899 South Harper Road
Corinth, MS 38834**

At the recovery centers, people who suffered losses can get person-to-person assistance from specialists skilled in many disaster-related subjects, including available grant programs and low-interest disaster loans.

Disaster officials ask that before visiting the center, people first register online at **www.disasterassistance.gov** or by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are staffed 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT until further notice. Help is available in all languages.

People who suffered uninsured or underinsured damages or losses in the following counties may be eligible for disaster assistance programs: Alcorn, Benton, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Lafayette. The Disaster Recovery Center in Corinth will be open to serve anyone in these counties.

For more information, contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 866-920-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the keyword MSEMA.

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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.

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.

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