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GET FREE ADVICE ON PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM FUTURE DISASTERS AND PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

CLINTON, Miss –Homeowners rebuilding after the spring storms and floods, or those planning for future emergencies, can receive valuable information from a Community Education and Outreach specialist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. That specialist will be available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, June 13, through Saturday, June 25, at McCoy's Hardware Store in Vicksburg.

FEMA's specialist can answer questions about protecting homes from future disaster damage, as well as offer other home improvement tips and techniques. Topics will include mold and mildew cleanup and prevention, flood- and wind-resistant building methods, wind straps and other measures to make homes stronger and safer. Free publications on these topics will also be available.

Online help is also available at the following websites to find out about:

- Low-cost measures to reduce risk from natural disasters, building and retrofitting tips, and how to build a safe room— www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/build_safer.shtm
- Information and resources for making your property less susceptible to future losses— www.fema.gov/rebuild/mitigation.shtm.
- Safer building design and construction for design professionals, home installers, surveyors and state and local officials— www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/community_build_safer.shtm
- Resources for different phases of recovering and rebuilding— www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/after.shtm.
- Information and guidance on building safer— www.fema.gov/rebuild/smart_strong.shtm

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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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