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FREE ADVICE ON REDUCING DAMAGE FROM FUTURE DISASTERS AVAILABLE IN LAUREL, CLARKSDALE AND VICKSBURG JULY 27 – AUGUST 10

CLINTON, Miss. – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency continue to offer free consultations with FEMA advisers at home improvement and hardware stores.

Rebuilding or repairing a home after a disaster can be a daunting task. But with the right information, homeowners can build back smarter and stronger. FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand at local building supply stores to provide information about ways to rebuild that can reduce the risk of damages from future disasters.

The schedule is below:

Wednesday July 27 through Wednesday August 10

Jones County

- Lowe's
1490 Highway 15 North, Laurel
 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays

Coahoma County

- Wal-Mart
1000 S. State St., Clarksdale
 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays

Warren County

- Wal-Mart
2150 Iowa Blvd., Vicksburg
 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays

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Online help is also available at the following websites:

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

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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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