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# News Release

## **FEMA Opens a Disaster Recovery Center in Story County**

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will open at **noon** in Ames on **Tuesday, September 29**, to give survivors from the August 10 severe storm options to submit documents for their disaster assistance application.

The DRC will be open for a limited time and is staffed with FEMA personnel who can scan documents and quickly answer questions about disaster assistance programs. **It will close permanently on Saturday, October 10 at 6 p.m.**

The DRC will not operate in a traditional fashion. The center will offer drive-through service. Survivors are asked to stay in their vehicles when visiting.

Applicants **do not** have to visit a center to submit documents to FEMA—they can mail, fax or submit them online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/assistance) as well. Information on these options can be found in their FEMA letter.

Survivors who have already registered with FEMA and have been asked to provide additional documentation should read their FEMA letter carefully and make sure they have everything they need when they arrive at the DRC.

If you do not understand the letter you received from FEMA, call **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Central Time, and ask for assistance.

The FEMA DRC is located:

**North River Valley Park**  
**725 E 13th Street, Ames, IA 50010**

DRC hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time  
Closed Sunday

All applicants and FEMA personnel will follow current state and local COVID-19 safety requirements. Applicants must wear face masks and will remain in their cars as they hand their documents to FEMA personnel, who will be wearing face masks (or other appropriate face covering) and protective equipment. FEMA staff will take the documents, scan them and return them to the applicants.

Applicants may register in the following ways:

- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).
- Download the [FEMA Mobile App](#) for smartphones.
- Call **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Central Time, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

If an individual cannot register online or by phone, registration at the DRC will be available.

Documents also may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Mail to: FEMA's Individuals and Households Program, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville MD 20782-7055.
- Or fax to 800-827-8112.
- Or submit them via a FEMA online account. To set up an online account, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), click on "Check Status" and follow the directions.

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For more information on the Iowa disaster and a variety of recovery resources, log on to: [www.disasterrecovery.iowa.gov](http://www.disasterrecovery.iowa.gov).

*FEMA's mission is 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 faced discrimination or needs help with accessible communication, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362. Multilingual operators are available.*

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