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Recovery News

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO NEW JERSEY NEARLY \$38 MILLION

NEPTUNE, N.J. – Nearly \$38 million in federal disaster assistance to date is helping fund the ways New Jerseyans are recovering from Hurricane Irene.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Office (NJOEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announce the following summary of assistance as of Sept. 11:

- **31,400** individuals have registered with FEMA for disaster assistance, averaging more than 2,850 per day
- Nearly **\$36 million** in disaster assistance for housing needs in 11 days
- More than **\$2 million** in Other Needs Assistance, for other necessary expenses and serious needs (i.e. personal property, transportation, medical and dental expenses, funeral and burial expenses)
- Disaster Recovery Centers have already opened in the hardest-hit counties: Passaic, Bergen, Somerset, Morris, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Hudson, Warren, Sussex, Gloucester, Cumberland and Cape May

The FEMA/State Joint Information Center will announce additional locations as they open.

New Jersey residents can find the DRC closest to them online at:

<http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm>.

There are three ways to register – go to www.disasterassistance.gov, to m.fema.gov or call FEMA toll-free, **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Those with access or functional needs and who use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 or use 711 or Video Relay Service to call 800-621-3362. Telephone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET; multilingual operators are available.

Federal assistance became available after the president issued a major disaster declaration on Aug. 31. Assistance is provided for eligible damage from the Hurricane Irene and related flooding, Aug. 27 through Sept. 5, 2011.

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