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FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Upshur and Lewis County This Weekend

Following the federal major disaster declaration on August 4, 2026, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is set to open up in-person Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) for individuals and households to apply for disaster aid in-person in both Lewis and Upshur counties on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Following the catastrophic flooding on July 21, 2026, the White House approved an expedited request for a major disaster declaration on August 4, 2026 for Upshur and Lewis counties. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), alongside West Virginia Emergency Management Agency (WVEMD) and local county emergency management officials have been proactive in providing support for residents and will now be opening up two (2) Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in affected areas.

FEMA DRCs are temporary sites established in impacted areas to provide support following a significant disaster. Located on-site, FEMA staff will be able to assist in the disaster relief application process, answer questions, and help applicants submit proper information directly to FEMA. Affected individuals and households located in only Lewis and Upshur counties are currently eligible to apply for assistance. **These centers will officially be open on Saturday, August 8, 2026.**

Lewis County Disaster Recovery Center:

- Address: *Former Summit Center* 37 Elizabeth St. Weston, WV 26452
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday 7:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Upshur County Disaster Recovery Center:

- Address: *Upshur County Development Authority* 21 E. Main St. Buckhannon, WV 26201
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday 7:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Applying Online or Call:

- Impacted individuals are also encouraged to apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov and use the Disaster Number (DR) **4932** or call the hotline at 1-800-621-3362.

Applicants are encouraged to be prepared to support their applicant by providing government identification, social security number, proof of ownership, insurance information, photos of damages, and direct deposit information. *Further information regarding DRCs and other information for affected individuals is available online at emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Facebook Page and via phone at 304-558-5380.*

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