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Deadline Approaching for Federal Disaster Assistance Following Late July Storms

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Recovery efforts are still ongoing following the late July storms in north central West Virginia, and the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) is reminding impacted storm survivors to apply for federal disaster assistance before the October 3, 2026 deadline.

Residents in Lewis, Pleasants, Ritchie, and Upshur counties are eligible to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance. Representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available at local Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) to answer questions and assist with applications in person.

WVEMD stresses that applications will not be accepted past the October 3 deadline. Disaster grant funding does not have to be repaid, is non-taxable, and will not affect eligibility for federal benefits such as SNAP, Social Security, or Medicaid.

Disaster Recovery Center Locations & Hours:

- **Lewis County:** Former Summit Center, 37 Elizabeth St., Weston, WV | Mon–Sat, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lewis County (Pop-up Site):** Old Kroger Marketplace Distribution Site, Weston, WV | Wed–Fri, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Pleasants County:** Pleasants County Senior Center, 209 2nd St., St. Marys, WV | Mon–Sat, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Upshur County:** Upshur County Development Authority, 21 E. Main St., Buckhannon, WV | Mon–Sat, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

How to Apply:

- **Online:** Visit DisasterAssistance.gov
- **By Phone:** Call 800-621-3362

- **Mobile App:** Download the official FEMA app
- **In Person:** Visit any of the DRC locations listed above

For additional information, contact WVEMD at 304-558-5380, visit emd.wv.gov, or follow the official WVEMD Facebook page.

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