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WVEMD and FEMA Announce Deadline Extension for Disaster Assistance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) is thankful to announce an extended registration period for federal disaster assistance following severe storms in July.

On September 27, 2026, Governor Morrisey submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a two-week extension to the deadline for disaster assistance applications and federal resources. This extension allows for applications to be submitted and FEMA resources to remain in West Virginia until October 17, 2026.

“We are deeply grateful for our ongoing partnership with FEMA as we work to support West Virginians rebuilding their lives,” said Dr. Matthew Blackwood, WVEMD Director. “Our highest priority is ensuring every impacted resident gets the help they need. This extension provides crucial extra time for affected families to access vital disaster relief resources, and we remain fully committed to seeing our communities through to a complete recovery.”

With the extension, Disaster Recovery Centers in Lewis and Upshur will remain open for in-person assistance applying for federal disaster aid. Individuals and families in Lewis, Pleasants, Ritchie, and Upshur counties are eligible to apply for disaster assistance if they were affected in the July floods.

Eligible residents are able to apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, via the [FEMA App](#), by calling the helpline at 800-621-3362 or by visiting an in-person Disaster Recovery Center. Call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 for assistance in multiple languages.

Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. Disaster Recovery Centers will now be open through October 17. Centers are open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Upshur County Development Authority, and the old Summit Center in Weston.

For more information regarding disaster assistance, contact the West Virginia Emergency Management Division at emd.wv.gov, by calling 304-558-5380, or by visiting the official [WVEMD Facebook Page](#).

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