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WEST VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION ANNOUNCES OPENING OF HARRISON COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TOMORROW

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — As recovery continues following storms in August, West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD), alongside the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Harrison County officials are happy to announce the opening of the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Harrison County on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

A Federal Major Disaster Declaration was announced on October 8, 2026 that included Fayette, Harrison, and Kanawha counties. Individuals and families residing in the declared counties that sustained damages or other disaster related costs from August 14th to August 18th are eligible to apply for Individual Assistance (IA) following the declaration.

DRCs are sites that are temporarily established in declared counties for residents to visit, speak with FEMA staff in-person, register on-site, and receive additional assistance and information regarding the disaster relief process.

Harrison County Disaster Recovery Center:

- Location**:** Bridgeport City Hall - 515 W. Main St. Bridgeport, WV 26330
- Opening Day (October 20th) ONLY the DRC will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Regular Hours of Operation will be: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed on November 3, Election Day) beginning Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Residents in Fayette, Harrison, and Kanawha counties are all eligible to apply for assistance. In addition to visiting a DRC, you can apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, via the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362, or by downloading the FEMA Mobile App.

For more information about the DRCs or Disaster Assistance, contact the West Virginia Emergency Management Division at 304-558-5380 or by visiting emd.wv.gov.

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