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WEST VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION ANNOUNCES OPENING OF KANAWHA 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 Kanawha County and City of Charleston officials are happy to announce the opening of the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Kanawha County on Tuesday, October 20th, 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.

Kanawha County Disaster Recovery Center:

- Location**:** GoMart Ball Park, Suite 200 - 601 Morris St. Charleston, WV 25301
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed on November 3, Election Day)

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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