

Hello Task Force Members and Community Partners,

Please help us get this information out to municipalities, private non-profits, individuals and small businesses. The deadline for applying for FEMA Public and Private Non-Profit assistance is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for Grand Isle County) and Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> for Individuals and Small Businesses. Please forward the following email to your contacts, constituents and anyone you know that may have been impacted by Hurricane Irene. Thank you all for the vital role you play in assisting Vermonters through this challenging time.

## **FEMA Deadlines for Registration - URGENT**

The deadline for registering with FEMA is quickly approaching. It is very important for all municipalities, private non-profits, individuals and businesses impacted by Hurricane Irene to register with FEMA by the deadlines listed below. If you are an Individual or Small Business and need assistance registering or completing a FEMA application, please visit one of the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers listed in the Information and Resources section of this email.

Registration takes about 20 minutes and is an important part of determining the level of assistance for Vermont. Once registered, you should be contacted by a FEMA representative within 2-3 days to schedule a site inspection. The Disaster Recovery Centers can also assist you in following up with FEMA once you have registered. Deadline Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you are a municipality or Private Non-Profit and you need assistance completing a Request for Public Assistance form, please contact Alex Portalupi at 802-828-3889 or Gary Schelley at 802-828-0425. Deadline Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for Grand Isle County)

## **Public Assistance and Private Non-Profit Organizations – Deadline Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (Oct. 17 for Grand Isle County)**

Government agencies and certain private non-profit organizations needing funds to rebuild infrastructure damages caused by hurricane Irene must register with FEMA no later than **Oct. 1, 2011 (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for Grand Isle County)**.

FEMA's Public Assistance (Infrastructure) program reimburses state and municipal governments the cost of eligible emergency protective measures, debris removal, and can fund the repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of public infrastructure such as roads and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, public utilities and parks, and other recreational facilities damaged during a disaster. At this time, FEMA will fund up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects.

Some private non-profit organizations may qualify for aid to restore certain types of facilities that include educational, utility, emergency, medical, custodial care, and other facilities that provide essential government types of services.

If you were affected and need assistance in your recovery you have until October 1, 2011 (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for Grand Isle County) to file the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form. [Please click](#)

[here to download a copy of the RPA form](#). The completed form should be faxed to 802-828-2848.

If you need assistance in completing the form, please contact:

Alec Portalupi: 802-828-3889, email: [alec.portalupi@state.vt.us](mailto:alec.portalupi@state.vt.us)

Gary Schelley: 802-828-0425, email: [gary.schelley@state.vt.us](mailto:gary.schelley@state.vt.us)

FEMA, working with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, will make a determination if the services provided by Private Non-Profit organizations are defined as critical or non-critical. If FEMA determines that the services provided are non-critical, you will be required to exhaust assistance from SBA before being considered for assistance from FEMA through the state of Vermont.

Registering with FEMA does not obligate you to accept assistance. If you miss the deadline however, you will not be eligible for consideration of disaster relief funding.

## **Individuals and Small Businesses- Deadline Oct. 31st**

Individuals and Small-Businesses needing funds for housing related expense or to rebuild after damages caused by hurricane Irene must register with FEMA no later than **Oct. 31, 2011**. If you have not yet registered, please do so by visiting [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

Disaster assistance for Individuals may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance and other sources. There are no income limits when applying for FEMA emergency assistance. If you are denied assistance, it is important to follow up with FEMA to find out why assistance was denied and to determine the process for appealing that determination. If you need assistance completing your registration, applying for funds or appealing a determination, please visit one of the local disaster recovery centers. ([See Information and Resources Below](#)).

If you are an Individual and you have received an SBA disaster loan application in the mail, it is important to fill it out and return it. You are not obligated to accept a loan, however filling out an application will determine your eligibility for a loan should you need additional compensation above the currently allocated grant amount. If you do not qualify for a loan, you will be referred back to FEMA and could receive additional grant money. If you are approved for an SBA loan, you are under no obligation to accept it.

Small-Businesses are encouraged to register with FEMA and encouraged to complete an SBA disaster loan application. In addition, Small-Businesses needing assistance should contact The Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) at 802-828-5627 or visit [www.veda.org](http://www.veda.org). Small-Businesses should also visit [www.dca.state.vt.us](http://www.dca.state.vt.us) or call 802-828-3211 to learn more about possible grant or low interest loan programs.

When you call FEMA make sure to have some basic information ready. That includes your current telephone number; address at the time of the disaster and current address; Social Security number, and a list of damages and losses. If you are insured, you should have the name of your insurance company and your policy number. After registering, you'll be called about having a property inspection.

Registering with FEMA does not obligate you to accept assistance. If you miss the deadline however, you will not be eligible for consideration of disaster relief funding.

Please register no later than Oct. 31, 2011 with [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

## Information and Resources

### **FEMA/SBA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)**

**Open Mon - Sat; 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Sun; 12:00 PM – 6:00PM**

Bennington County		Caledonia County		Rutland County	
Bennington Fire Dept.		Municipal Building		U. S. Post Office Bldg. (Upstairs)	
130 River Street		119 Park Avenue		2046 Route 4	
Bennington VT 05201		Lyndonville VT 05851		Killington VT 05751	
		<b>Opens Fri. Sep. 23 at 12 noon</b>			
		<b>Sun – Sat; 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>			
Rutland County		Washington County			
Rutland Heart Center		Waterbury Fire Station		Library Community Room	
1 Commons Street		43 South Main Street		93 South Main Street	
Rutland VT 05701		Waterbury VT 05676		Northfield VT 05663	
Windham County					
Nelson Withington Skating Facility			Dover Town Hall		
61 Memorial Park (Guilford Street)			120 Taft Brook Road		
Brattleboro VT 05301			West Dover VT 05356		
Windsor County					
Hartford Fire Dept.		Okemo Marketplace		The Rock Church	
Training Room – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor		57 Pond Street		473 West Woodstock Rd	
812 VA Cutoff Road		Ludlow VT 05149		Woodstock VT 05091	
White River Junction VT 05001					

### **SBA Business Recovery Ctr (BRC)**

**Open Mon-Fri; 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Sat, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Windsor County

Springfield Dev. Corp.
14 Clinton Street
Springfield VT 05156

## **FEMA Fact Sheet for Individuals**

<http://vem.vermont.gov/sites/vem/files/Individual%20Assistance%20Fact%20Sheet%2013%20Oct%2010.pdf>

## **FEMA Fact Sheet for Public Assistance and Private Non-Profits**

<http://vem.vermont.gov/sites/vem/files/public-assistance.pdf>