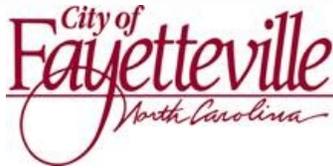




News Release



Disaster Recovery Center Opens (Fayetteville, N.C. April 21, 2011)

The State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open a Disaster Recovery Center today, April 21, at noon in Conference Room D of the Department of Social Services, 1225 Ramsey St. Citizens who have experienced storm damage can meet one-on-one with representatives from local, state and federal agencies to learn more about assistance available to them.

Applications for FEMA assistance can be filed online or by phone, and those needing assistance in registering with FEMA can find help at the recovery center. Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the storm need to register for FEMA assistance at www.fema.gov, click on Disaster Survivor, or by calling (800) 621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

The center will be open today from noon until 7 p.m. It will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice and will be open all weekend, including Easter Sunday.

Several other agencies will be available to help at the center, which is intended to be a one-stop shop for residents in the affected areas. The Employment Security Commission, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Cumberland County Department of Social Services and others are among those providing relief assistance at the center.

Those needing disaster relief services are asked to use the south entrance to the DSS building. All customers needing other DSS services are asked to use the north entrance.

The Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) bus stop will be moved to Hillsborough Street while the DRC is in operation. Routes 5 and 4 will be running today through Saturday. FAST officials will assess the need for service on Sunday and make a decision later.

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