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Good evening, here is the draft text to announce the opening of the new DRC in Colleton...

Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Colleton County to Help South Carolina Flood Survivors
COLUMBIA, S.C. – A disaster recovery center is open in Walterboro to help South Carolina flood survivors. This Colleton County center is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies are at the center to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest loans. They can also help survivors apply for aid.

The disaster recovery center is located at the Colleton County Recreation Center at 280 Recreation Lane in Walterboro.

It is not necessary to visit a center to register for and receive state/federal disaster assistance. If possible, survivors should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center.

To register, go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages and phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 to register. Those who use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center may call 800-621-3362. All disaster recovery centers are accessible and equipped with tools to accommodate disaster survivors who need disability-related communication aids.

Additional disaster recovery centers are open in affected South Carolina counties. For information call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 or go online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4241>.

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