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Good Morning Everyone,

Here is the draft announcing the Charleston and Jasper DRCs which can be issued this afternoon. FEMA would like to send their news release out around 3 p.m., so if we could issue ours before then, that would be great! Let me know if you need anything, thanks! DB

Disaster Recovery Centers Open in Charleston and Jasper Counties to Help Hurricane Matthew Survivors

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Two disaster recovery centers are now open in North Charleston and Ridgeland to help residents with damages and losses from Hurricane Matthew. These centers in Charleston and Jasper counties will be open Monday through Saturday until further notice.

Representatives from the State of South Carolina, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies are at the centers to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid.

These new disaster recovery centers are located at the following addresses:

Charleston County

3887 Leeds Avenue

At the corner of Leeds and Bridgeview Dr.

N. Charleston 29405

9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday – Friday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday

Closed Sundays

Jasper County

Jasper Emergency Service Headquarters

1509 Grays Highway

Ridgeland, SC 29966

9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Friday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday

Closed Sundays

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 any time to DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages, and phone lines are open 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM 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.

Federal and state disaster assistance for eligible individuals and families can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary residences and help with other serious disaster-related losses not covered by insurance.

Low-interest disaster recovery loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are the primary means of federal help for disaster survivors, including homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Individuals and businesses should first register with FEMA. For information on SBA disaster recovery loans call **800-659-2955/800-877-8339** TTY or go online to [SBA.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). An application for an SBA disaster recovery loan may be completed online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster recovery centers are open throughout the state. Residents can find the closest center by using the online locator, [here](#).

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