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UPSTATE NY FLOODS - ALERT II

■ One Week After The Upstate NY Flood Declaration - Recovery Information

ALBANY, N. Y. – One week after President Bush declared a major disaster at the request of Governor Pataki because of severe storms and flooding in New York, a total of 20 counties have been declared disaster areas, state and federal recovery officials said today as they continue the difficult tasks of helping people and communities in the rebuilding process.



"Homeowners, renters and businesses in 12 counties may be eligible for grants and loans to recover from the flooding," said Federal Coordinating Officer Marianne Jackson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). "Inspectors are already in the field visiting homes."

The 12 counties are: Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga and Ulster.

The financial burden on local taxpayers is also being addressed. "Government agencies and certain non profits in the following counties may be eligible for reimbursement for flood losses and emergency costs: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins and Ulster," said State Coordinating Officer John R. Gibb of New York's State Office of Emergency Management. "Briefings to explain the government-to-government aid program will be scheduled soon."

Working in partnership, New York State and FEMA have also opened Disaster Assistance Service Centers (DASC) throughout the heavily impacted flood areas. NYS reports more than 6,800 flood victims have completed applications for state assistance at these centers that are open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The locations are:

- Broome County: Binghamton High School, 31 Main Street, Binghamton, NY
- Broome and Delaware Counties: Deposit High School, 171 Second Street, Deposit, NY
- Chenango County: Bainbridge Town Hall, 15 North Main Street, Bainbridge, NY
- Delaware County: Walton High School, 47-49 Stockton Avenue, Walton, NY and Hancock Central School, 67 Education Lane, Hancock, NY
- Herkimer County: Herkimer BOCES, 352 Gros Blvd., Herkimer, NY
- Montgomery County: Fonda-Fultonville Middle School, 112 Old

Johnstown Road, Fonda, NY

- Orange County: Anna S. Kuhl Elementary School, 10 Route 209, Port Jervis, NY
- Otsego County: SUNY Campus, Lee Hall, Ravena Parkway, Oneonta, NY
- Sullivan County: Livingston Manor Middle School, 19 School Street, Livingston, NY
- Tioga County: Owego-Apalachin Middle School, 3 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, Owego, NY

At Disaster Assistance Service Centers, the following agencies may be present: State Department of Labor, State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, State Insurance Department, State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, State Office of Children and Family Services, State and/or County Office of Mental Health, State Office for the Aging, Governor's Office of Small Cities, County Social Services, Empire State Development Corporation, FEMA, Social Service Administration, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

To Register for FEMA Assistance:

Both state and federal officials urge people to make two calls for assistance. To register with FEMA, call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or TTY: **800-462-7585**. Lines are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Flood victims can register also online at www.fema.gov. More than 6,000 have registered for FEMA assistance.

The county breakdown is as follows:

County	FEMA Registrations
Broome	2,269
Chenago	510
Delaware	1,284
Herkimer	263
Montgomery	391
Oneida	26
Orange	17
Otsego	607
Schoharie	30
Sullivan	296
Tioga	417
Ulster	29

To Register for NYS Grants Assistance:

Call **888-7-NYS-AID (888-769-7243)** or (TTY) **NYS Relay 711**; or register online at www.labor.state.ny.us. Lines are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

■ Only Primary Homes are Eligible for FEMA Housing Aid

ALBANY, N. Y. – State and federal officials want to remind those affected by the June flooding that disaster assistance for home repairs applies to primary homes.

Homeowners, renters, and business of all sizes in the 12 disaster-

affected counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga, and Ulster are eligible to register for disaster assistance for damages from the flooding that began on June 26.

Only primary homes, not vacation or secondary homes, are eligible for U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance to make home repairs.

If your primary home was damaged, and you suffered losses from the flooding, register with FEMA and NYS.

Houses of worship or religious institutions that are interested in providing direct victim assistance in the 12 affected counties should contact:

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