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FEMA'S DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS-UP IN KENOSHA COUNTY

FEMA, Wisconsin Emergency Management and Kenosha County officials have opened-up a Disaster Recovery Center at the Kenosha County Center, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser announced today.

"I'm extremely pleased that FEMA and the state have set-up a Disaster Recovery Center in Kenosha County to help the residents and businesses that have been affected by the recent storms and flooding," Kreuser said

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC's) purpose is to assist people in filling out their FEMA applications, help applicants that have already applied for FEMA assistance check on the status of their applications, answer any questions people may have and direct people to services which may be of additional help to them.

"The first process in getting assistance is to register with FEMA, then filling out the FEMA application, which is an SBA Loan Application," Ben Schliesman, director, Kenosha County Emergency Management, said. "People will say 'oh, I'm not a business or I don't want a loan or I can't afford a loan,' but if you want to get a FEMA grant, FEMA assistance or an SBA low interest loan, you have to fill out the FEMA Application/SBA Loan Application, which is sent to everyone that registers with FEMA for assistance."

Kreuser said, "Everyone that sustained any flood/storm damage from June 5th to date should call FEMA's Disaster Assistance Hotline at 1-800-621-3362."

"Disaster Assistance covers a wide-range of assistance such as grants and loans to clean-up or repair damages, temporary unemployment and temporary housing assistance. Even if you have flood insurance you should still register with FEMA; your flood insurance may not be adequate and some problems such as foundation issues and/or mold may not show up till later or may not be covered by your insurance," Kreuser said.

The DRC will be open from Monday July 7th to Friday July 11th from 10 AM – 7 PM each day. The DRC is located at the Kenosha County Center at the intersection of Highways 45 & 50 in the Town of Bristol.