

Disaster Recovery Centers Open in Dekalb, Kane and LaSalle Counties

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ROCKFORD, Ill. -- The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) have established Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in DeKalb, Kane and LaSalle Counties for residents who suffered damages from recent severe storms and flooding.

The DRCs will open Monday, Oct. 1 at the following locations:

Sycamore Center 308 W. State Street (3rd floor, suite 302) Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Kane County North Campus 530 S. Randall Road (Across from Kane County Fairgrounds) St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Seneca Village Hall 340 N. Cash Street Seneca, Illinois 61360

The hours of the DRCs are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time) Monday thru Friday. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until further notice.

DRC staff can answer questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster loan applications and provide information and contacts for other programs.

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by the recent severe storms and flooding are encouraged to register for assistance by calling the telephone registration line, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** which is open from 7 **a.m.to 8 p.m.** (local time) seven days a week. Residents are encouraged to register prior to visiting a DRC.

For speech- or hearing-impaired applicants, the TTY number is **1-800-462-7585**. Applicants also may register on-line at www.fema.gov.

SBA representatives at the DRC will meet individually with each applicant to provide assistance in completing their disaster loan application, and to accept completed disaster loan applications.

SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations for losses not fully covered by insurance. The SBA may loan up to \$200,000 to repair or replace homes and up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Up to \$1.5 million is available for uncompensated business disaster losses.

Residents and business owners can receive information about SBA disaster loans and help with the application process by calling the **SBA at 1-800-659-2955** or visiting the SBA website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.