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# Disaster News

## **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPENING LATER THIS WEEK**

**COLUMBUS, OH** – Federal and state recovery officials have announced the opening of three more Disaster Recovery Centers later this week. To help meet the ongoing needs of disaster victims, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency will open additional regional centers in Bucyrus, Zanesville and Bellaire at the times and locations noted below.

**North-Central Ohio - Crawford County Courthouse (Conference Room)**  
112 East Mansfield Street  
Bucyrus  
Thursday & Friday, March 3 & 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. to noon

**East Ohio - Belmont Eastern Division Courthouse (Warehouse Section)**  
400 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bellaire  
Thursday & Friday, March 3 & 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. to noon

**Southeast Ohio – Muskingum County EMA/EOC**  
2215 Adamsville Road  
Zanesville  
Friday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. to noon

“The first step toward receiving the state and federal assistance made available under the President’s disaster declaration is to register,” said Lee Champagne, FEMA’s coordinating officer. “You can do that by calling us toll-free at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. any day of the week. Or, you can register online at **www.fema.gov** whenever it’s convenient for you.”

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“I encourage Ohioans to visit the nearest Disaster Recovery Center to check on the status of your registration, to learn more about the types of assistance available or to get information on rebuilding options that can reduce future damage and loss,” said Nancy Dragani executive director of Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) and state coordinating officer in the disaster recovery efforts.

Individuals who are unable to visit a Disaster Recovery Center and have questions about disaster assistance, rebuilding or preventive measures to avoid future damages are urged to call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585** and select the option for “General Information.”

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency coordinates the state's response and recovery from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center. One of the primary focuses of the agency is to ensure that Ohio citizens are prepared to respond to and recover from an emergency or disaster and to lead mitigation efforts against the effects of future disasters. During times of disasters, Ohio EMA coordinates activities of responding state agencies and maintains liaison with similar agencies of other states and of the federal government.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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