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**NYC OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTIFIES NEW YORKERS THAT FEMA AND NEW YORK STATE WILL CLOSE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS IN BRONX, BROOKLYN, QUEENS AND STATEN ISLAND**

*More Than Five Thousand New Yorkers Have Already Received Close to Sixteen Million in Federal Disaster Funding*

The New York City Office of Emergency Management today notified New Yorkers that State and federal Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens will close on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 5pm, and in Staten Island on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 5pm. The DRCs opened following Hurricane Irene after the federal government declared the four counties eligible to receive federal disaster aid for individuals, businesses, and non-profits.

After the DRC locations are closed, New Yorkers can continue to register for potential federal funding with FEMA until October 28, 2011 by following these steps:

- To register by phone, call the FEMA registration line at 800-621-3362.
- To register online, visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), or register by web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance."
- For those with speech or hearing disabilities, use the TTY number, 800-462-7585.

Registrants should have the following information ready before registering:

- The address of the damaged property
- Names of those living in the household
- A general description of the damage
- The Social Security Account number of any family member living in the home
- The extent of insurance coverage
- Other information needed to expedite the process

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