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DISASTER OFFICIALS OPEN ADDITIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS

ORLANDO, Fla - Three new Disaster Recovery Centers serving Martin, Glades and Hendry counties have opened to help residents who sustained damage from Hurricane Wilma, according to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Florida State Emergency Response Team.

Disaster Recovery Centers offer information. For distribution sites where water, ice, meals, and other supplies are available, please contact county emergency management officials for locations and hours. The new Disaster Recovery Center addresses are:

Martin County
Martin County Fairgrounds
2616 SE Dixie Highway
Stuart, FL 34996

Glades County
Water Tower
500 Avenue K
Moorehaven, FL 33471

Hendry County
Wal-Mart Parking Lot
1005 W. Sugarland Hwy. (Hwy. 25)
Clewiston, FL 33440

The centers provide a single location where people are able to talk face-to-face with disaster recovery specialists. Disaster Recovery Centers offer many types of recovery information. For distribution sites where water, ice, meals, and other supplies are available, please contact county emergency management officials for locations and hours.
Additional Disaster Recovery Center locations are (note revised Lee County address):

**Monroe County**
Key West City Hall
604 Simonton St.
Key West, FL 33040

**Monroe County**
San Pablo Church
550 122nd St. Ocean
Marathon, FL 33050

**Monroe County**
San Pedro Church
89500 Overseas Highway
Plantation Key, FL 33070

**Collier County**
Everglades City Community Center
201 Buckner Ave.
Everglades City, FL 34139

**Lee County**
Bonita Springs Community Center
27381 Old 41 Road
(Old 41 Road and Reynolds St.)
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

All centers are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

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Representatives from local, state and federal agencies, and voluntary organizations, will staff the Disaster Recovery Centers. Visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
• Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters or business owners.
• Inquire about the status of their application for federal assistance.
• Receive referrals to American Red Cross and other voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.
• Learn cost-effective measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

To apply for federal disaster assistance, residents must first register with FEMA. There are two ways to register: log on to www.fema.gov or call FEMA's toll-free number, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for those with speech or hearing impairment. Both numbers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice.

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repair and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also are available for residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) is a collaboration of Florida's state agencies led by the state coordinating officer. SERT's mission is to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate their impacts. Visit www.floridadisaster.org for the latest information on the hurricane relief efforts.

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. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003. For more information visit www.fema.gov.