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Spalding County Tornado Survivors Can Get Help at Local Disaster Recovery Center

ATLANTA – Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are now available at the Spalding County Senior Center to assist residents of Spalding County who were severely impacted by the Jan. 12 storms and tornadoes.

FEMA and the State of Georgia have opened a Disaster Recover Center (DRC) to provide information on available services, explain assistance programs and help survivors complete or check the status of their applications for federal assistance.

The DRC is located at:

Spalding County Senior Center

855 Memorial Dr.

Griffin, GA 30223

Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (7 days a week)

If you were directly affected by the tornadoes you can apply to FEMA for federal assistance at the recovery center, but you do not need to visit a DRC to apply. Survivors can also apply to FEMA online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling **800-621-3362**.

For uninsured needs directly related to the Jan.12 weather systems, FEMA may be able to provide Individual Assistance grant money that does not have to be repaid for:

Rental Assistance if you need to relocate because of storm-related damage

Personal Property that was damaged or destroyed by these weather events

Lodging Reimbursement if you had to stay in a hotel temporarily

Basic Home Repairs for homeowners whose primary residence was damaged by these weather events

Other Serious Needs caused by the recent storms.

In addition to the assistance listed, please note the following:

Only one application per household

FEMA does not pay for lost or spoiled food

By law, FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments or assistance provided by other sources.

Additional disaster recovery centers are located at:

Butts County: Daughtry Park/Recreation Center - 576 Earnest Biles Dr., Jackson, GA 30233.

Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (7 days a week)

Henry County: Locust Grove Recreation Center - 10 Cleveland Street, Locust Grove, GA 30248.

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (7 days a week)

Troup County: William J. Griggs Community Center - 716 Glenn Roberson Dr., LaGrange, GA 30241.

Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (7 days a week)

To locate a DRC near you, visit www.fema.gov/drc or call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. On a smart phone, open the [FEMA App](#), click on "Talk to FEMA in person."

For information on Georgia's disaster recovery visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4685. Follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4).

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment) sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, limited English proficiency or economic status.

If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.