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# Disaster News

## **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER CLOSING IN RICHLAND COUNTY, WI**

**LA CROSSE, Wis.** — The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Richland Center will close on Sunday, September 9 at 7 p.m. The center currently operates 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. However, representatives from the Small Business Administration will remain at the location to assist homeowners, renters and businesses with completing their loan applications.

Until it closes, the DRC at the Richland County Production Services Building, 301 Industrial Drive, in Richland Center will be staffed by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and Voluntary Agencies to provide information to residents affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred August 18-31.

In addition to disaster assistance, representatives can help individuals develop plans to protect their homes and/or businesses from future storm damage and provide information about federal flood insurance programs.

Anyone affected by the flooding is urged to register their damage online anytime at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or by calling the toll-free telephone line, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily. For those with special speech or hearing needs, the TTY number is **1-800-462-7585**.

Homeowners, renters and business owners with questions concerning SBA disaster loan applications may visit the Richland Center location, which will remain open as an SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Center beginning Monday, Sept. 10, and remain open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. until further notice. Anyone receiving an SBA loan application is encouraged to fill it out and return it as quickly as possible to maintain their eligibility for grants and loans.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

For more information about Wisconsin recovery, please visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance), and <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>.

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