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THREE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO CLOSE

RALEIGH, N.C. – Disaster Recovery Centers in Bertie, Bladen and Lee counties will continue to operate for one more week and then close at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

“Our disaster recovery center operations are adjusting hours and locations to serve areas where a need is identified,” said Doug Hoell the state’s Director of Emergency Management.

Those whose homes or businesses were affected by the April 16 storms and tornadoes can continue to get in-person help at any open Disaster Recovery Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday when centers are closed.

Find the nearest disaster recovery center by calling FEMA’s Helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** online at <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/opendrcs.shtm>

Bertie County

Colerain Community Building
106 W. Academy St.
Colerain, NC 27924

Bladen County

Powell Melvin Ag Building
450 Smith Circle
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Lee County

McSwain Agriculture Center
2420 Tramway Road
Sanford, NC 27332

After the centers close, disaster survivors can still call 800-621-FEMA (3362) to register for disaster assistance, check application status and update contact or insurance company information. A Federal Emergency Management Agency representative is available at the toll-free number from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Callers with speech or hearing disabilities may call (TTY) **800-462-7585**. Help is available in most languages.

Applicants can also register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with a web-enabled mobile device smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to “apply online for federal assistance.”

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