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News Release

Deadline to Apply for Assistance from December Storm is April 1 - Remaining Recovery Centers to Close

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine – Individuals in Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford and Somerset counties who experienced loss or damage from the December 17-21, 2023, severe storm and flooding have until **April 1**, to apply for FEMA assistance.

Also, the two remaining Disaster Recovery Centers in Maine will close permanently April 1. You can visit a center to apply for FEMA assistance, upload documents needed for your application and get answers to questions in person. Centers have representatives available from FEMA, the state of Maine and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Hours for the centers are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Manchester Fire Department, 37 Readfield Rd., Manchester, ME 04321

Rumford Municipal Building, 150 River St., Rumford, ME 04276

To apply for FEMA assistance without visiting a center, call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages. The Helpline is available daily from **7 a.m. to 1 a.m. ET**. You can also go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> (also in Spanish) or download the FEMA <u>mobile app</u> (also in Spanish), available at Google Play or the Apple App Store.

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