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## **ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS STILL SEEKING TO APPLY FOR FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FROM HURRICANE IRENE HAVE UNTIL END OF OCTOBER**

*Oct. 28 deadline to apply in person, Oct. 31 to apply on-line or by phone*

**(Goshen, NY)** – Orange County Department of Emergency Services, Division of Emergency Management advises residents that they have until Friday, October 28 to **apply in person** at the County's Disaster Recovery Center, Orange County Fire Training Center at 9 Training Center Lane in New Hampton for Individual Assistance (IA) funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help recover from Hurricane Irene, and until Monday, October 31 to **apply on-line or by phone**.

Individual Assistance includes temporary housing, housing repair, low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA), disaster unemployment assistance and grants.

FEMA will be processing applications from Hurricane Irene this last week at the County's Fire Training Center, 9 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY 10953 just until Friday, October 28 with hours from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Friday, October 28 only from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm.

After October 28, residents have until October 31 to file an application with FEMA by phone or on-line by calling the FEMA Helpline **1-800-621-3362** toll-free from 7 am – 10 pm. For those with speech or hearing disabilities, use the **TTY** number at **800-462-7585**. Applicants may also register at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) online or with any web-enabled mobile device or Smartphone at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov). Follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance."

Specialists from the Small Business Administration (SBA) will also be available at the Disaster Recovery Center to explain the low-interest loan packages available to individuals, non-profits, and businesses of any size. These loans are for the repair or replacement of real estate and/or personal property damaged by the storm and related flooding.

For more information, please visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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