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## Media Advisory

### Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Buncombe County

**HICKORY, N.C.** - FEMA will open a Mobile Disaster Recovery Center in Buncombe County Monday, Dec. 2, to provide one-on-one help to North Carolinians affected by Tropical Storm Helene.

It will be in three locations convenient to residents, allowing them to visit and register for FEMA assistance:

**Barnardsville Fire Department Station 15**

100 Dillingham Rd.

Barnardsville NC, 28709

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2- Thursday, Dec. 5

**Fairview Public Library**

1 Taylor Rd.

Fairview NC, 28730

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 9-10.

**Weaverville Town Hall**

30 Main St.

Weaverville NC, 28787

Open 8a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11- Friday, Dec. 13

A DRC is a one-stop shop where survivors can meet face-to-face with FEMA representatives, apply for federal assistance, receive referrals to local assistance in their area, apply with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for low-interest disaster loans and more.

FEMA financial assistance may include money for basic home repairs, personal property losses or other uninsured, disaster-related needs, such as childcare, transportation, medical needs, funeral or dental expenses. **The deadline for households to apply for FEMA assistance is Jan. 7, 2025.**

Homeowners and renters in [39 North Carolina counties and tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians](#) can visit any open center, including locations in other states. No appointment is needed. To find center locations, go to [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc) or text “DRC” and a ZIP code to 43362.

It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for FEMA assistance. The fastest way to apply is online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or via the [FEMA app](#). You may also call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

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