



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY



Peter J. Boynton
Commissioner

June 10, 2010

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

As you are aware, Governor Rell's appeal was approved by FEMA for Individual Assistance to residents in Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Windham Counties from the severe weather in March.

We need your help to ensure that every resident entitled to federal aid registers with FEMA. The deadline for registration is July 27, 2010. Some residents reportedly believe they are already registered if they previously called 2-1-1 to report their damage in support of the Governor's appeal. However, FEMA is NOT accepting prior 2-1-1 calls as registration.

Also, it is very important that residents who are currently negotiating with their insurance companies still register with FEMA without waiting to resolve their insurance issues. If coverage is denied after the deadline, the resident will not be able to register for FEMA assistance.

All residents who sustained damage from the severe weather must contact FEMA directly to register for assistance. There are three ways that a resident can register with FEMA. They can register via phone by calling 1-800-621-3362, or via the internet at www.disasterassistance.gov. This website also contains useful information on FEMA's Individual Assistance program and what types of assistance are available.

Finally, residents may also apply in person at a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), although this is not the preferred method. A list of the current DRC locations in each county is attached. The main purpose of these centers, staffed by FEMA officials, is to assist residents with follow-up questions once they have registered via phone or internet.

In addition, DEMHS can also provide you with the list of residents in your town who called 2-1-1 as part of the Governor's appeal process. A follow-up call to these residents to encourage registration with FEMA may help to inform people who are still not aware of the FEMA registration process. If you would like this information, please contact your DEMHS Regional Coordinator.

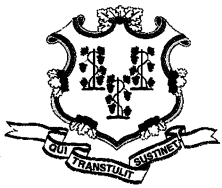
Thank you for your assistance in getting this important message out to residents affected by this disaster.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Local Emergency Management Director
DEMHS Regional Coordinators
DEMHS Management Staff



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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS (DRCs)

9 am - 7 pm Monday - Friday and Saturday 9am - 4 pm

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Norwalk Community College
188 Richards Avenue
West Campus Room 105
Norwalk, CT 06854

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Killingworth Fire Department
333 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

NEW HAVEN COUNTY

North Haven Campus of Gateway Community College
Auditorium
88 Bassett Road
North Haven, CT 06473

NEW LONDON COUNTY

Three Rivers Community College
Room D-126
574 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360

Groton Senior Center
102 Newtown Road
Groton, CT 06340

WINDHAM COUNTY

Quinebaug Valley Community College
Room 105 West Wing
742 Upper Maple Street
Danielson, CT 06239