

Congressman Rothman Announces Recovery Aid, Urges Those Eligible to Apply

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Washington, DC – Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) released the following statement:

Last night President Obama signed a major disaster declaration for New Jersey, making federal funds available to help individuals and counties recover from Hurricane Irene. The announcement came after myself and my colleagues in the New Jersey congressional delegation urged the President to quickly approve federal aid for New Jersey.

To date, FEMA has designated the following counties as eligible for disaster relief: Bergen and Passaic Counties. Damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and additional counties may be designated for assistance.

Residents who have incurred costs not covered by insurance, because of the Hurricane, may be eligible for grants and loans to cover certified expenses: home repair and construction, temporary housing, and serious medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation, moving and storage costs. Individuals may also be eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance, free legal assistance, tax deductions, and crisis counseling.

If there is any way that you think I can help with the damage caused by Hurricane Irene, please call my Hackensack office at (201) 646-0808. For those who wish to reach out directly to FEMA, to register for assistance, you may do the following:

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Call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

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Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov

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Through a cell phone at FEMA's mobile website
m.fema.gov

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Individuals who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY can call 800-462-7585 directly; those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) can call 800-621-3362. Multilingual assistance is available.

Additional information can be found in the following document from the United Way at <http://nj211.org/images/Hurricane/NJ%202011-1%20Hurricane%20Relief%20and%20Recovery%202011.pdf>

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