



Disaster recovery center opening Monday in Forks

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FORKS TWP. -- A disaster recovery center will open Monday at the Forks Township Community Center to help people who suffered damage or losses due to Tropical Storms Frances and Ivan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency announced the opening of the first three disaster centers in the state Saturday. The other centers will be in Pittsburgh and Claysburg. More centers are planned to open soon, according to a news release.

The centers will provide help to flood victims in 47 of the state's 67 counties, including Northampton, Lehigh, Monroe, Bucks, Pike and Schuylkill.

Flood victims can go to the center and speak with representatives about flood and homeowner's insurance, health and welfare assistance, well water testing, crisis counseling and senior citizen services. The Small Business Administration will have representatives at the centers to help people complete low-interest disaster loan packets.

The centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

FEMA advises flood victims to contact them 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) to register before going to a disaster center. The hearing impaired can contact FEMA via TTY at 1-800-462-75485.

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