



County of Rockland

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Vanderhoef announces Federal Disaster Aid available to Rockland residents, businesses

New City, NY – County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef has announced that federal disaster assistance has been expanded to include Individual Assistance (IA) for Rockland County. This includes homeowners, renters and small businesses. Previously, it was announced that local governments and not for profits would be eligible.

"Many Rockland residents and businesses have been devastated by damage from the storm," said Vanderhoef. "The Federal Emergency Management Agency is moving quickly to get federal relief dollars to our area and we will continue to keep our towns, villages, residents and businesses informed throughout the recovery process."

The first step is for residents and small businesses to register by calling FEMA's registration number (800) 621-3362.

Residents may also go to the FEMA Web site, www.fema.gov, to register or for further information.

This FEMA declaration expansion deems it no longer necessary for towns and villages to collect names and locations of impacted residents and businesses; previously gathered information aided in the successful declaration.

"It is imperative that residents check with their insurance company, document all repairs and keep all receipts," said Vanderhoef.

Plans are underway for FEMA to open a Disaster Recovery Center in Rockland. Information on the location will be announced next week as details are finalized.

Additionally, the County Executive advises residents to review the recommendations outlined by the Rockland County Office of Consumer Protection. "Residents should ensure all work is performed by a licensed contractor, and when in doubt, call Consumer Protection at 845-708-7600."

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