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FEMA MEETING AT LAFAYETTE PARISH EOC

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD TODAY WITH FEMA , PARISH AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS ON, RECOVERY EFFORTS SUCH AS, INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE, AND DEBRIS PICKUP.

YOUNGSVILLE BEGAN DEBRIS PICKUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> AND CREWS HAVE BEEN IN THE CITY PICKING UP STORM RELATED DEBRIS EVERY DAY.

FEMA REPORTED THAT CREWS ARE ON THE GROUND IN LAFAYETTE PARISH INCLUDING YOUNGSVILLE ASSESSING DAMAGE TO INDIVIDUAL HOMES. ALL FEMA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE PROPER ID, SHOWING THEY ARE WITH FEMA. PLEASE ASK FOR THEIR ID!

FEMA IS IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER IN LAFAYETTE PARISH BUT HAS NOT SIGNED A LEASE AS OF TODAY. AS SOON AS THE SITE IS RELEASED TO US WE WILL SEND THE INFORMATION TO OUR RESIDENTS.

FEMA ASKED THAT EVERYONE APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE EVEN IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE. FEMA STATED THAT THE NORMAL TIME FRAME FOR A REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT WITH A HOMEOWNER AFTER THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR AID IS APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS. BY APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FEMA EVEN IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE THIS MAY ALLOW YOU TO RECEIVE MONEY FOR ITEMS THAT INSURANCE DID NOT PAY FOR.

IF YOU ARE DENIED FEMA ASSISTANCE YOU WILL RECEIVE A PACKAGE TO APPLY FOR SBA. SBA IS A PROGRAM WITH LOW INTEREST LOANS.