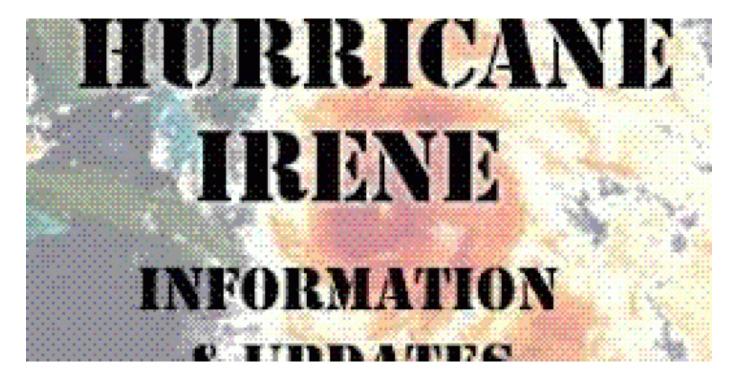


Major Federal Disaster Declared for Nineteen New York Counties Hit by Irene

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The President has declared a major disaster in the following counties: Delaware Orange Sullivan Ulster Albany Clinton Dutchess Essex Greene Montgomery Nassau Rensselaer Rockland Saratoga Schenectady Schoharie Suffolk Warren Westchester This qualifies residents and businesses in these counties for direct federal assistance with basic necessities, cleanup and rebuilding efforts. For more information on the available programs please visit http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=57534. To begin applying for assistance you can visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for

the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free numbers will operate from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM seven days a week until further notice. For those who live in counties not been listed above, additional counties could be added in the coming days. If you have damage to your property or an emergency situation, please report it to your county emergency management office. That will help increase the chances that your county could be added to the list of counties for which a major disaster can possibly be declared by President Obama. Their contact information is as follows: Delaware County Office of Emergency Services 280 Phoebe Lane, Suite 3 Delhi, NY 13753 (607) 746-2000 Website: http://www.dcdes.org/ Orange County Department of Emergency Services 22 Wells Farm Road Goshen, NY 10924 (845) 615-0400 Website: http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/1162/975/2095/default.aspx Sullivan County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security PO Box 5012 Monticello, NY 12701 (845) 583-7100 Website: http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us/Default.aspx?TabId=3204 Ulster County Emergency Management Office 238 Golden Hill Lane Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-1440 Website: http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/emergencyservices/