

Senator Fuschillo Applauds Approval of Federal Disaster Aid for Nassau County

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) announced today that federal disaster aid is now available for homeowners, renters and businesses in Nassau County.

Specifically, Nassau County residents are now eligible for the Individuals and Households Program, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, USDA food coupons and distribution, USDA food commodities, Disaster Legal Services, the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Small Business Administration disaster loans.

"I am pleased that President Obama and FEMA have acknowledged the needs of the people here in Nassau County and understand the damage we received as a result of Hurricane Irene. Having federal funds available to Nassau County residents will go a long way into ensuring that individuals who suffered property damage are compensated. I applaud Governor Cuomo for securing these funds, and look forward to the aid it will provide to Nassau residents," said Senator Fuschillo.

Residents and small businesses who suffered losses are urged to call FEMA's registration number at 1-800-621-3362 or register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. If

you believe you are eligible for federal aid you must first register with FEMA and call as soon as possible. Individuals with a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY should call 1-800-462-7585; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 A.M. to 10 P.M. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Additional counties may be made eligible for federal assistance as damage assessments continue.

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