



# COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

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### **FEMA Public Assistance Registration Deadlines Approaching**

(Nazareth, Pennsylvania) – Northampton County’s Division of Emergency Management Services is urging organizations who haven’t filed their official Request for Public Assistance form with FEMA to do so quickly as the deadline for municipal governments to register is approaching.

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program reimburses municipal governments and select non-profits for costs associated with response and recovery efforts following a presidentially declared disaster. Examples of activities that may be covered include debris removal, repairs to public infrastructure, and emergency protective measures.

Organizations that sustained damages as a result of Tropical Storm Lee have until January 8, 2012 to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form and thus remain eligible for disaster relief funding. Those interested in submitting a request for Hurricane Irene have until only December 31, 2011.

“The RPA form is FEMA’s official document that public and private entities use to apply for disaster assistance,” said Angel Gillette, hazard mitigation and disaster recovery manager for Northampton County Emergency Management Services. “It is a simple, short form with self-contained instructions used to initiate the grant process with FEMA.” Ms. Gillette noted that submitting an RPA form does not obligate an organization to accept federal assistance.

Interested applicants should complete the RPA form and submit it to PEMA prior to the deadline. Forms can be submitted electronically or faxed to (717) 651-2150.

The RPA form for Tropical Storm Lee can be found by visiting PEMA's website at: [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pema\\_home/4463/Information\\_on\\_Presidential\\_Disaster\\_Declaration\\_4030-DR/1009074](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pema_home/4463/Information_on_Presidential_Disaster_Declaration_4030-DR/1009074) or by clicking on the appropriate link below.

- Hurricane Irene: [RPA Form](#) should be submitted by December 31, 2011
- Tropical Storm Lee: [RPA Form](#) should be submitted by January 8, 2012

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