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DEKALB DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO CLOSE

Citizens can still receive assistance from three remaining centers

DECATUR - DeKalb CEO Burrell Ellis announced that DeKalb's Disaster Recovery Center, located at Browns Mill Recreation Center, 5101 Browns Mill Road in Lithonia, will shut its doors Friday, October 16 at 7 p.m. The center, operated by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), opened following the severe flooding that occurred throughout the county last month. It is one of eight centers that will cease operations this week.

"Citizens who are still in need of assistance should visit the center as soon as possible while it is still open in our county," said CEO Ellis.

"We are closing these recovery centers because traffic in them has slowed considerably," said GEMA Director and State Coordinating Officer Charley English. "We will have three recovery centers still open, and help is available through other sources."

The Disaster Recovery Centers in Gwinnett, Douglas and Cobb Counties will remain open until further notice. After Friday, October 16, DeKalb citizens can receive help from any of these centers or through the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585.

Operating hours for the DeKalb Disaster Recovery Center are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prior to visiting the center, citizens should register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the FEMA Helpline.

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