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SUBJECT: The Mississippi Disaster Housing Program

- **The Disaster Housing Program will begin taking applications on FRIDAY, August 17th. It will be located at 410 East Harper Street in Richland (behind the new Wal-Mart) in the City of Richland Community Center**
- **You may also apply by phone starting Friday August 17th. The number is 1-800-434-4243 and will be active from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**
- **You may also apply in person starting on Friday.**
Hours will be:

Friday 8/17	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 8/18	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY CLOSED	
Monday 8/20 - Friday 8/24	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(Later hours will be posted)	
- **Deadline for filing is SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**
- **Only 1 application per family will be accepted**
- **The DHP program is available to residents in Hinds, Rankin, and all counties affected by the flooding on August 12, 2001**

Items that are not covered in the DHP are personal property such as carpet, any type of flooring, furniture, clothes, food, appliances, and vehicles.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS TAKEN:

- The address of the damaged residence and address of where you currently reside.
- The phone number (s) where we can get in touch with you.
- Have your Social Security Number available.
- Be prepared to provide pertinent data regarding your household (family members, number, names, ages, and any special needs, etc.).
- Name of your mortgage company with address and telephone number.
- Have insurance policy and settlement information available.
- All information provided is subject to be verified for accuracy.

REQUIRED PROCEDURES:

- You must call the toll free number and file an application within 30 days of the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor.
- A site inspection/survey of the damaged home will be scheduled and conducted in order to determine proof of ownership and occupancy at the time of incident and will provide the necessary information to determine the type and/or the amount of assistance you will be eligible for.

ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE IF YOU ARE A HOMEOWNER:

- **Homeowners may qualify for up to three (3) months rental assistance or they can choose to apply the amount of the rental assistance towards minimal home repair assistance. .**
- Damaged dwelling/house must be the Primary Residence.
- The residence must have sustained current disaster related damages rendering it uninhabitable.
- The necessary repairs will make the residence, safe, sanitary and secure.
- The damages are not covered by Insurance.
- The damages are covered by Insurance, however the policy does not provide additional living expenses (ALE) while you are out of the damaged dwelling because of the current disaster.
- The primary residence is inaccessible as a result of the incident to the extent that the owner cannot reasonably gain entry.

ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE IF YOU ARE A RENTER:

- If the inspection/survey determines that the dwelling that you are renting is not habitable or is not safe, sanitary, or secure, you may be eligible for one (1) month rental assistance.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER THE DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM:

- Dwelling is not primary residence.
- Reason for displacement is not disaster related.
- Residence is in habitable condition.
- Damages are covered by Insurance.
- Rental unit has been repaired and renters are living in the residence during the time MEMA inspects the home.

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