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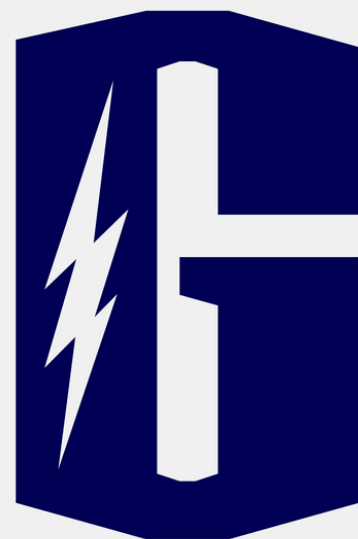


The logo for the Greenville County Special Operations Team has been redesigned! The single "G" in the logo signifies a "one-stop shop" or "one call" for assistance throughout the county.

This single point of reference can provide aid to any agency in Greenville County, allowing any department member to join. The lightning bolt represents strength, speed of response, and the power of teamwork and training. It signifies the quick adaptability of the emergency first response team to handle any incident they are called to.

The Special Operations Team Application form is now available online! You can apply for your team membership digitally. After you submit your application and provide your department heads' information, they will automatically receive an email allowing them to approve or deny the request. Once they've completed their step, the applicant, their department head, and the Special Operations Team Coordinator will be notified of the approval or denial of the application.

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HELENE ASSISTANCE



UNITED WAY CLEANUP HOTLINE

Volunteers help with tree removal, mucking out, tarping and clearing debris:

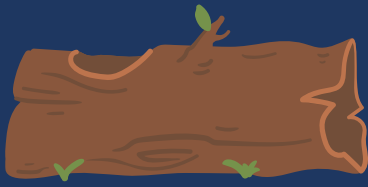
Call 833-799-9880 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM

DEBRIS PICKUP

Questions regarding debris removal from county or private roads can be sent to County Roads &

Bridges at 864-467-7016, or email

debris@greenvillecounty.org



Questions regarding debris removal from the city of Greenville can be answered by calling

864-232-2273 or emailing

debris@greenvillesc.gov

Questions regarding debris removal from municipalities, call:

Fountain Inn: 864-531-0644

Greer: 864-848-2184

Mauldin: 864-289-8904

Simpsonville: 864-967-9531

Travelers Rest: 864-834-8740



HELENE ASSISTANCE



FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Apply online: www.disasterassistance.gov

Apply by phone: Call 1-800-621-3362

Apply in person: Visit the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)



DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER (DRC)

Freetown Community Center

200 Alice Avenue, Greenville, SC 29611

Mon-Sat 8AM-7PM

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The DRC will be closed on
December 24-25, 2024 and January 01, 2025**

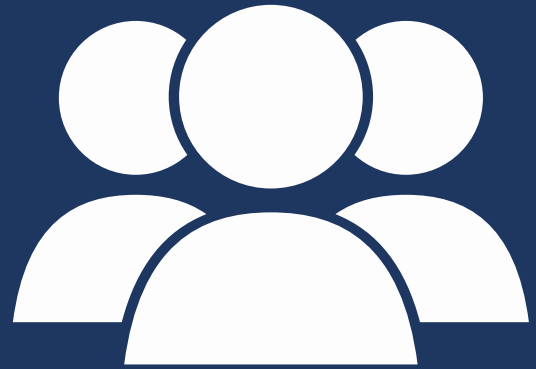
THE LAST DAY OF DRC OPERATIONS WILL BE JANUARY 07, 2025 AT 7PM

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

South Carolina **homeowners** and **renters** in Greenville County who were affected by Hurricane Helene are encouraged to apply **regardless of insurance coverage.**



WHAT *to* EXPECT *after* YOU APPLY *for* FEMA ASSISTANCE



WITHIN
10 DAYS
AFTER
APPLYING

A FEMA inspector may call you to set up a time and date to perform the inspection at the damaged address. Be sure to have your application number available.



DURING THE
INSPECTION

Inspectors will...

- Observe social distancing guidelines,
- Show you their credentials,
- Ask to see a photo ID,
- Ask to see documents to verify the home ownership or occupancy if FEMA has been unable to verify,
- Walk around the interior and exterior of your home if feasible,
- Document damage.

Inspectors won't...

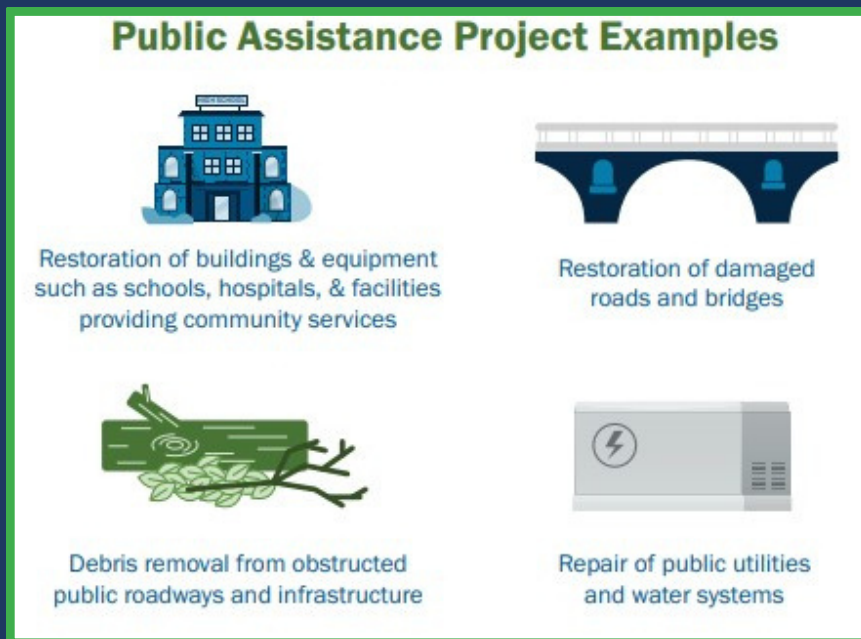
- Decide if you will receive assistance,
- Ask for money, bank account information, or credit card information.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

State, Tribal, Territorial, and Local Governments, as well as certain types of private non-profit organizations.



Agencies that are not County departments will have to fill out the request for public assistance (RPA) via the FEMA grants portal by

December 13, 2024.



For additional information, or to apply for public assistance, click below!



CERT UPDATE

In November, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) completed the Fall training cycle with 24 citizens graduating. This was the largest group of students on record. The in-person classes are designed for students to practice what they learned in the online portion of their training. Skills such as first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue and more are demonstrated.



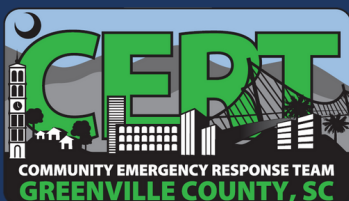
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The CERT program was developed in the 1980's by the Los Angeles City Fire Department and formalized by FEMA in 1993 making the program available nationwide. Today, CERT is available for all citizens, including youth as young as 13 years old. The CERT program educates volunteer citizens about disaster preparedness and response activities to help their neighbors in the wake of a disaster. There is no cost to take the CERT training, and graduating students receive a certificate and a backpack with essential supplies.



The Greenville County CERT Program is completed in a hybrid format including an online portion and the in-person training. If you would like to get involved and learn life-saving skills, visit www.gceoc.com/cert. Classes are forming now and will conclude in the Spring of 2025.



STAY SAFE AS YOU

DECK THE HALLS

KEEP DECORATIONS AT
LEAST 3 FEET AWAY FROM
HEAT SOURCES.

IF YOU HAVE A NATURAL
CHRISTMAS TREE, WATER IT
TO KEEP IT FRESH AND SAFE.

ALWAYS TURN OFF YOUR
DECORATIONS WHEN YOU
LEAVE YOUR HOME AND
WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING.

ONLY USE ELECTRONIC
DECORATIONS IN DRY AREAS.

EVERY HOME NEEDS A
WORKING SMOKE ALARM
IN EACH BEDROOM.



TRAINING SPOTLIGHT



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Course Name: Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills (G141)

When: January 07-08, 2025

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: SCEMD Training Room - 2779 Fish Hatchery Rd. West
Columbia, SC 29172

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Public Information Basics (E/L 105)

When: January 21-23, 2025

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: SCEMD Training Room - 2779 Fish Hatchery Rd. West Columbia,
SC 29172

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Rapid Needs Assessment (G557)

When: January 21, 2025

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Webinar

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Integration of Cybersecurity Personnel into the EOC for Cyber
Incidents (MGT 456)

When: March 18-20, 2025

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management-225 S. Pleasantburg
Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

[Register Here](#)

Need to register for a training?

Greenville County Emergency Management Training: [Training & Exercises Calendar](#)
South Carolina Emergency Management Division Training: [Training Registration System](#).