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The Maury County Office of Emergency Management continues to receive a number of calls from people requesting assistance. Mark Blackwood, Director of Emergency Management, stated "Anyone that suffered any type of damage due to the flooding must contact FEMA to register or ask questions. The Maury County Office of Emergency Management cannot provide specific answers concerning reimbursements, eligibility, or financial assistance. FEMA must be contacted".

There are 3 ways to contact FEMA.

1. **Register by phone at:** 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) or
2. **Register online at:** www.disasterassistance.gov or
3. **Speak directly with FEMA Officials:** FEMA has now opened a Disaster Recovery Center In Maury County. It is located at Maury County Park, 1018 Maury County Park Dr. Columbia, TN. (off of Lion Pkwy, adjacent to Central High School). The hours for the center are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Maury County Chapter of the American Red Cross wishes to thank everyone including individuals, organizations, and churches that have brought supplies to assist flooding victims. Genie White, Director of the Maury County Chapter of the Red Cross said, "We wish to thank them and want them to know that because of their generosity we have all the supplies that we have room for at this time. Right now, more than anything else, the Red Cross needs monetary donations to purchase needed items as they become apparent".

There are four easy ways to donate:

- Donate online by visiting: www.redcross.org
- Call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767)
- Make a \$10.00 donation by texting: **REDCROSS** to 90999.
- Send a check made out to the American Red Cross (note Tennessee Floods) to Red Cross Maury County Chapter, 302-B W. 7th Street, Columbia, TN 38401 or stop by this location.