



Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

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### **ASTORINO ANNOUNCES FEDERAL DISASTER AID AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES Details will be forthcoming on how to apply**

County Executive Robert P. Astorino announced Thursday that Westchester residents and businesses are now eligible to apply for disaster aid in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Previously, it was announced that local governments and non profits would be eligible.

“Westchester residents and businesses, particularly in some areas of the county, have been hit very hard by damage from the storm,” said Astorino. “We don’t have all the details yet, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency is moving quickly to get federal relief dollars to our area.”

The first step, he said, is for residents and small businesses to register by calling FEMA’s registration number: 1-800-621-3362.

You may also go to the FEMA Web site: [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) for further information.

Astorino said that it is imperative that residents and businesses document their losses with photographs and with receipts from repairs. In addition, those impacted must contact their insurance company to find out what – if anything – is covered.

Plans are underway for FEMA to open a Disaster Recovery Center in Westchester. Information on the location will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

“As details emerge, we will get them out to residents, businesses and local governments as quickly as possible,” said Astorino. “In the meantime, people should get their information together so they can act quickly or apply online.”