

## Rhode Island Disaster Declaration Approved

On March 20, 2024, President Biden declared that a major disaster exists in the state of Rhode Island and ordered Federal Assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts for the severe storms and flooding on the following dates; December 17 to December 19, 2023, and January 9 to January 12, 2024. The President's declaration makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Kent, Providence and Washington.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a Claim Center in West Warwick. The claim center has extended its time and will be open Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the West Warwick Civic Center. This claim center will operate from 9 am to 7 pm.

In addition a Disaster Recovery Center, for Kent County Area is at the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry. The DRC will be open for the next 30 – 60 days, Monday through Friday from 730 am to 630 pm. and Saturday 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Residents and business owners who incurred losses, can also begin applying for assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), or by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA App. Anyone using a relay service can give FEMA the number for that service.

### Additional Information:

[FEMA Individuals & Households Program](#)

[Prepare for House Inspection](#)

[FEMA Disaster Assistance Registration](#)

[FEMA Disaster Assistance Provides for Basic Needs](#)

[Survivors' Road to Recovery](#)