As our community continues to recover from Hurricane Irene there is new and important information from FEMA for residents who are seeking assistance in the wake of the storm.

This weekend FEMA announced that there is federal aid available for residents affected by Hurricane Irene. It is important to note that even if residents have registered with their local municipalities or the state, they still must provide damage information to FEMA in order to be eligible for federal assistance.

To contact FEMA about storm damage residents can call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The line is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days a week.

Residents can also register online at www.disasterassistance.gov .

Finally, the office of Congressman Larson is always available to offer assistance to constituents and can be reached at (860) 278-8888.