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## **MORE FREE ADVICE ON BUILDING STRONGER, SAFER, SMARTER**

**TRENTON, N.J.** – For knowledgeable and reliable advice on how to repair or rebuild your home safer and stronger, look no further than your local home improvement store.

Specialists from FEMA will be present with information on building techniques that can provide more protection for your home, business and property in future disasters.

This free service also offers information and publications about home improvement, such as:

- Mold and mildew cleanup
- Flood- and wind-resistant building methods
- Wind straps
- Flood insurance
- Retrofitting buildings
- Elevating utilities

FEMA specialists are available daily from Wednesday, Dec. 19, to Saturday, Dec. 29, (except Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday Dec. 25), 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the following home improvement stores:

- **Atlantic County** – Lowe's No. 1034, 6048 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township 08234
- **Cape May County** – Lowe's No. 1861, 3171 Route 9 S, Rio Grande 08242
- **Essex County** – Home Depot No. 980, 399 Springfield Ave., Newark 07103
- **Hudson County** – Lowe's No. 2676, 400 Bayonne Crossing Way, Bayonne 07002
- **Monmouth County** – Home Depot No. 969, 3540 Route 66, Neptune 07753
- **Ocean County** – Home Depot No. 920, 1334 Lakewood Road, Toms River 08755
- **Ocean County** – Home Depot No. 949, 244 N. Main St., Forked River 08731
- **Ocean County** – Lowe's No. 2260, 297 Route 72 W, Suite 30, Manahawkin 08050
- **Union County** – Lowe's No. 1939, 1721 Morris Ave., Union 07083

Additional sites and dates will be announced soon.

Anyone affected by Hurricane Sandy should register with FEMA. Individuals can apply for assistance and follow up on previous applications by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by smart phones or tablets at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov). By phone or 711/VRS, call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**.

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