

## FEMA urges people to register for flood damage

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### Disaster recovery center in North Platte.

People affected by spring floods may hesitate to register for help but situations can change.

“They may think their neighbors need it more or they’re self-sufficient,” said Cindy Kimber, a public information officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Kimber’s territory is Lincoln County, where a disaster recovery office in North Platte will close on Oct. 5.

The office, in the Westfield Shopping Center at 1827 A. St., is open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Specialists are available to help flood victims or provide information about how to mitigate future flooding.

Property owners affected by flooding in the county may be eligible for grants because Lincoln County was declared a federal disaster area.

Kimber urged property owners to register for assistance by the Oct. 11 deadline to “keep the door open.”

“Complete and return the application even if you don’t want a loan or because it was turned down. It can open the door for other needs assistance,” she said.

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**HOW TO REGISTER**  
Call 800-621-5862 or go online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov). Help is available in most languages.  
On-line registration is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
Applications will be taken until Tuesday, Oct. 11.

**Flooded areas in the Midwest and South are still recovering from the damage caused by the flooding that hit the region in late August and early September. FEMA is urging people to register for flood damage assistance. The registration process is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Applications will be taken until Tuesday, Oct. 11.**