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**President Declares Major Disaster for Wayne County
Application Process Outlined**

Wayne County, North Carolina – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to residents of Wayne County if they experienced loss or damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in Wayne County can begin applying for assistance today by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). If you are unsure you have sustained losses, you should apply to preserve your ability to get assistance. According to FEMA, you will need the following information available when you contact them:

- Social Security Number
- Address of the damaged home or apartment
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact number
- An address where you can receive mail
- Bank Account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. Another announcement will be sent once FEMA officials are in our area and a Disaster Recovery Center is established. It is very important that residents call the FEMA line at 1-800-621-3362 and not local emergency management or government offices.

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