



GRATIOT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Michigan Disaster Resource Center Opened Monday, July 13, in Gratiot County for FEMA Individual Assistance

Disaster Resource Center Location

Perrinton Community Center
305 W. Elba St.
Perrinton, MI 48871

Gratiot County Emergency Management is announcing the opening of the Michigan Disaster Resource Center to assist residents impacted by the severe storms, tornado, flooding, and straight-line winds that affected Gratiot County and surrounding areas from **April 10-21, 2026**.

As part of the coordinated local, state, and federal disaster recovery effort, Gratiot County has been approved for **FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)** for eligible residents and **Public Assistance (PA)** for eligible government agencies and public infrastructure.

The **Michigan Disaster Resource Center** will open **Monday, July 13, 2026**, at the **Perrinton Community Center, 305 W. Elba St., Perrinton, MI 48871**. The center will be staffed by representatives from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** and the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** who will provide in-person assistance and guidance to residents and households seeking **FEMA Individual Assistance** due to damages from the April storms.

Hours of Operation (Hours subject to change)

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hours of operation may be adjusted based on community need and visitor activity. FEMA and local officials will continue to monitor attendance and service demand, and the center may close earlier than anticipated if the need for in-person assistance significantly decreases.

Services Available

Residents visiting the center can:

- Apply for **FEMA Individual Assistance**.
- Receive assistance completing FEMA Individual Assistance applications.
- Learn about available disaster recovery programs and resources.



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- Meet with SBA representatives regarding low-interest disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofit organizations with storm-related damages.

FEMA Application Deadline

Although the deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is:

August 31, 2026 – We recommend that residents file as soon as possible.

This deadline is **60 days following the federal disaster declaration.**

Residents are encouraged to apply for assistance as soon as possible and not wait until the deadline.

What to Bring

When visiting the center, residents are encouraged to bring any available documentation related to their damage, including:

- Photos of damage
- Insurance information
- Insurance denial letters
- Dates the damage occurred
- Any other documentation related to storm impacts

Having these documents available may help representatives better assist residents throughout the recovery process.

FEMA plans to keep the Disaster Resource Center open in Gratiot County throughout the application period.

Gratiot County Emergency Management would like to sincerely thank Village of Perrinton officials for opening their doors and allowing the use of the Community Center during this important recovery effort. Their support will help ensure residents impacted by the storms have access to valuable financial resources and assistance.

Gratiot County Emergency Management thanks local, state, and federal partners for their continued support and commitment to helping residents recover from the April severe weather event.

Thank you,

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