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News Release

Irma Mitigation Outreach Available in Florida Home Improvement Stores

ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA specialists will be available in the locations listed below to answer questions and offer tips and techniques for building hazard-resistant homes to help prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most information is geared toward do-it-yourself work and general contractors. Topics will include flood insurance, rebuilding flooded homes, and elevating utilities.

Free reference booklets with information about protecting a home from flood damage will also be available. More information about protecting property can be found at www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

FEMA advisors will be available at the following stores from **Dec. 11 – 23, 2017**:

| County | Location | Hours |
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| Lee | Home Depot 3402 Forum Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33905 | Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Miami-Dade | Home Depot 5500 NW 167th St. Hialeah, FL 33014 | Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Polk | Home Depot 24201 North US Highway 27 Lake Wales, FL 33853 | Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Sarasota | Lowe's 5601 Tuscola Blvd. North Port, FL 34287 | Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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