

We would like to remind all of our municipal partners that the United Way of Monmouth County has volunteers of all skill levels stepping forward to participate in clean up, clean out and rebuild efforts in Monmouth County. Each week, we are contacted by volunteers seeking to give time and talent to your towns. These include corporate groups, faith based skilled volunteers, and unaffiliated individuals in large numbers.

We have staff on hand to coordinate open projects (homeowners in need of clean-up, debris removal and repairs) and link them to visiting volunteer groups on an easy-to-use software program. This software program is being used by the 2-1-1 system and other coordinated groups throughout the state.

In addition, we have warehouse space in Wall Township from which we are receiving and distributing donations through the Aidmatrix/NJ State Warehouse system.

Over the next few weeks, we will be bringing in trained Americorps Disaster Volunteers who will go door-to-door in impacted areas, completing intake forms for homes in need of services. For now, we ask that you have any homeowners report their needs for clean up, debris/mold removal or repair to our office or to 2-1-1 so that they may be entered into the Collaborative Work Order system.

Also, any volunteer groups working in your area should also be asked to contact our office so that we can ensure they are receiving work orders from this system. It will maximize the efforts of visiting groups, allow us to track all groups performing work in our area, capture their volunteer hours for FEMA, and ensure that these groups are trained and insured for the projects they take on. Properly trained groups will help us prevent public health and safety issues down the road.

Please reach out to us for any of the following:

- To disseminate information to the public through our social networking, listserv and other venues (public health, safety, or general information on your town or municipality)
- To input projects related to homeowners in your town in need of home repair, clean up or debris removal
- To help you coordinate large-scale projects (beach clean-up, park clean-up, etc.) with our unaffiliated volunteers
- To aid in tracking volunteer groups visiting our area, including contact information, group size, skill level and more
- To help you capture volunteer hours for your FEMA reporting purposes
- To supply resources to those in your municipality by coordinating donations, or to coordinate donations through Aidmatrix to your community

Contact myself or Sara Jenkins at 732.938.5988 extension 2040 for information.

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