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# MITCHELL COUNTY

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY UPDATE

## **BURN BAN STILL IN EFFECT**

The Mitchell County burn ban remains in effect. If burning is absolutely necessary, it must take place at least 100 feet away from any structure on your property. Current conditions create a heightened risk for wildfires, and it is essential that we all exercise caution and responsibility during this time. **Should an emergency arise or you need help with other problems, please do not hesitate to call 911 or 828-688-9110 for assistance.**

## **BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION SITE UPDATE**

Starting February 1, Bowman will be opened one day a week, on Saturdays, from 10AM until 2PM

## **BUNDLES OF LOVE FREE DIAPER DRIVE**

Join Mitchell County in a baby diaper drive on February 15 from 9AM until Noon at Harris Middle School (121 Harris St, Spruce Pine, NC 28777). Drive up, request your size, and they will be brought directly to you.

## **FEMA EXTENDS TRANSITIONAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE**

FEMA has announced its decision to extend the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program through May 26, 2025.

## **NC DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

NC-DCM is available to guide survivors through the recovery process. After you complete the initial needs survey, a case manager will help you make a recovery plan, find available resources, and work through challenges caused by the storm. Learn more at [www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm](http://www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm).

## **CHUCK EDWARDS HOUSING HOTLINE**

U.S. Congressman Chuck Edwards (NC-11) announced that his office launched a dedicated phone number, **223-FIX-FEMA**, to help Western North Carolinians with issues regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following Hurricane Helene.

## **DEBRIS PICK-UP CONTACT**

First Watch Rapid Response phone line and email has been created for the residents and business owners to call in or email with concerns about areas in their neighborhood that need debris removal. Phone # (828)797-8188 email: [report@firstwatchrapidresponse.com](mailto:report@firstwatchrapidresponse.com)

## **TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

If you are a tourism related business, Discover Mitchell invites you to attend a recovery meeting on February 13 from 8AM until noon. Visit NC, local officials, small business resources, Blue Ridge Parkway + Roan Mountain reps, and others will be in attendance. Please RSVP by Feb 1 to [tda@mitchellcountync.gov](mailto:tda@mitchellcountync.gov) The event will take place at 31 Cross St, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

## **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER**

Location: *152 Ledger School Road, Bakersville, NC 28705*. Hours: 8 AM-6 PM weekdays and 9 AM to 2 PM Saturdays. The SBA is located at the Mayland Small Business Center (*67 Hotel Place, Spruce Pine, NC 28777*) hours: Mon- Friday 8AM until 6PM, Saturday 9AM until 3PM, and closed Sunday.

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