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**PEMA’S Public Damage Assessment Link**

 The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has launched a Public Damage Assessment Link for area residents and businesses to report the damage done to their properties in the affected municipalities by the September 9 storm.

 PEMA and Lackawanna County 911 and EMA officials stress the reporting link is not an application for assistance nor a guarantee of assistance.

 It is a step in the State’s process to alert Commonwealth and local officials where to go for damage assessment.

 The link will be open from today (September 13) through Sunday, September 24.

 The link of Public Damage Assessment is link [https://damage-assessment-3-pema.hub.arcgis.com](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdamage-assessment-3-pema.hub.arcgis.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CDArienzoJ%40lackawannacounty.org%7C091aab4f506441f25ec408dbb40599c5%7Cc182ae0381174557b15775a3e80ea3e0%7C0%7C0%7C638301708387473803%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pv671LZkRIRrWax%2F0bfj8Cj4tcorxUdq4rT5UV64xqw%3D&reserved=0)

After clicking on the link, residents must then look for the incident name/title from the drop-down box 09/09/2023 Northeast PA Flooding Public Report.

This is the only location where the information can be submitted and accepted. It vitally important to fill out the assessment to help State and local officials gauge the damage and then plan the recovery effort.

County staff will be available at the Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) to assist residents and business owners in filling out the assessment if they are experiencing difficulties in navigating the form.

It is also very important that all residents and business owners document all of the damage to their property via written copy and photos. Everyone should also keep track of the expenses and hold onto all receipts involved in the cleanup and recovery of their properties.

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