



DODGE COUNTY – STATE OF WISCONSIN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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For Immediate Release

Wednesday, June 27 2008 at 12 NOON
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Dodge County is one of 14 Counties that have been declared eligible for Public Assistance under DR-1768 signed by the President Early this morning, the other counties included are Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Winnebago.

This declaration opens up FEMA and state funding to cover cost recently incurred by counties, townships, villages and cities that have suffered great loss to public infrastructure including roads, bridges, culverts and dams and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars protecting infrastructure through pumping, sandbagging, and other protection measures.

This information has only been released within the last half hour and additional information will be released shortly by the State Public Assistance officer at Wisconsin Emergency Management, Dave LaWall.

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Dodge County continues to host a FEMA Disaster Recovery center located at the Juneau Public Safety Building, 128 Cross Street, Juneau, WI. Since the declaration, Dodge County residents and businesses are eligible for Federal assistance from FEMA, SBA, and USDA. Federal, state, and county agencies, including the FSA, offering help to the flood victims and farmers will be present at the Disaster Recovery Center. Disaster Recovery Center hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents within Dodge County that suffered storm and flood damage are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit www.fema.gov, even if they previously reported their damage to local authorities. In order to expedite the process, citizens are asked to register with FEMA before visiting the Disaster Recovery Center. Residents need to formally register with FEMA to be eligible to receive assistance.

Once a resident registers with FEMA, an inspection maybe scheduled. After registering, the resident will be sent an application from the SBA. Residents NEED to complete this application, as it is one of the first steps to having their FEMA application processed. Once the SBA application is completed and submitted further determination on FEMA grants or low interest SBA loans are made. If a resident does not complete the SBA application, their application becomes incomplete and they may be ineligible for additional assistance. The filing deadline for individuals and businesses is August 13, 2008.

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Wednesday, June 19 2008 at 11:00 AM
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Dodge County Emergency Management continues to provide valuable information to the public at the Emergency Operations Center hotline at 920-386-4060 information will be provided by way of an automated attendant recording starting June 19th at Noon. Updates will continue on Road closures and there is also information on the recent Declaration of Disaster by FEMA at the county website at www.co.dodge.wi.us.

Dodge County was among four other counties added to the list of Federally Declared Counties, totaling twelve within the state of Wisconsin. Dodge County residents will now be eligible for Federal assistance from FEMA, SBA, and USDA.

Residents within Dodge County can call FEMA at **1-800-621-FEMA**(3362) or go to www.fema.gov to register damage.

Dodge County Emergency Management continues to take in information in reference to the recent FEMA declaration, many details are forthcoming and we will provide them in future press releases as they become available to our department.

According to Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher, “This FEMA assistance comes as a very welcome announcement to Dodge County Residents, many residences and businesses County-wide have seen great loss to property and commerce, and rebuilding will take months.”

Dodge County is currently waiting on FEMA Federal Disaster Waivers to be processed for Food share. If this is made available to Dodge County residents further press releases will provide updates.

Farmers that have reports and/or requests for assistance to damaged crops should contact their local FSA office at 920-386-9999 option 2

The County still has roads closed and citizens are not to drive on a closed road due to the water level and the safety hazards that are present. The Sheriff's Department continues to ticket motorists that drive around, tamper, or move barricades. For up to date information on road closures check out www.co.dodge.wi.us

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For Immediate Release

Wednesday, June 18 2008 at 9:00 AM
Dodge County Emergency Management
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Dodge County Emergency Management continues to operate the EOC gathering damage assessment and assisting with residents questions. The main hours of operation of the EOC are 7:30a-4:30p. The EOC phone line, 386-4060, will still be answered 24 hrs. until further notice.

Response

Dodge County Emergency Management completed the tour of the hardest hit areas of Dodge County with FEMA and SBA representatives yesterday. FEMA will submit the preliminary damage assessment to the State in the next few days and the County should be notified by the end of the week if a Presidential Declaration has been made for Dodge County.

Recovery

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FEMA officials have indicated that Dodge County damage totals are very much “inline” with totals from already declared counties in the state. When notification is received a media release will be completed providing citizens with additional information and instructions. Citizens are encouraged to check the Dodge County Web Site at www.co.dodge.wi.us for additional updates on the anticipated declaration, as soon as information on a declaration is received links will be listed to register with FEMA and begin the cost assistance process to the public. If a declaration is received residence will still need to also register with FEMA even though they have registered with the county through our “Report Damage link.”

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Lakes and rivers from North to South in the county have reached their crest and continue to recede. Authorities in the City of Beaver Dam continue to report significant flooding in the Downtown area, and County Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher still reports significant flooding around Beaver Dam Lake affecting around 25 to 30 homes. Weather reports of sunshine for the next few days will provide a much needed relief to all county residence.

Homeland Security

The County still has roads closed and citizens are not to drive on a closed road due to the water level and the safety hazards that are present. The Sheriffs Department continues to ticket motorists that drive around, tamper, or move barricades. For up to date information on road closures check out www.co.dodge.wi.us

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For Immediate Release

Contact: Jody Langfeldt
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Dodge County Human Services & Health Department - Public Health Unit would like to remind individuals involved in clean up after the flood to be aware of a health concern they might run into; intestinal illness. These illnesses may also occur after drinking unsafe well water.

All natural bodies of water contain microscopic organisms that can cause illness. By their very nature outdoor surface water can be affected by chemicals and organisms (bacteria and parasites) from both humans and animals. Add to that water the large amounts of rain that has fallen recently, and there is the potential for a health concern.

While there is no evidence that there is an increase in intestinal illness after flooding, it is still important to take steps to lower exposure to surface water.

These steps include:

- Avoid wading into flooded areas without proper foot protection, gloves, eyewear and other protective clothing;
- Do not swallow or inhale flood water and avoid touching the mouth;
- Shower as soon as possible after being exposed to flood water; and
- **Always** wash hands before eating, even if wearing gloves for the clean up.

If signs and symptoms of an intestinal illness occur, such as diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headache or abdominal pain, contact your primary health care provider. A stool sample will be needed to diagnose the organism causing the illness.

If you have any questions about the signs and symptoms of intestinal illness or need a well water test kit, call Public Health Unit at (920) 386-3670.



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For Immediate Release

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 10:08 AM
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Response

Dodge County Emergency Management and local officials toured hard hit areas of Dodge County with FEMA and SBA representatives. FEMA will submit the preliminary damage assessment to the State in the next few days and the County should be notified by the end of the week if a Presidential Declaration has been made for Dodge County. When notification is received a media release will be compiled providing the citizens with additional information and instructions.

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Disposal of damaged furniture, garbage, and used sandbags should be coordinated through local municipalities. Citizens are reminded that it is illegal to dispose of these items along roadsides or at dumpsters that are owned by private parties. Attached is also an informational sheet regarding the proper disposal of used sandbags.

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INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OF SAND BAGS 06/17/08

Over the last few weeks tens of thousands of sand bags have been used by cities, villages, townships and private residents to hold back flood waters. As the situation stabilizes, these sand bags will need to be disposed of.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) exempts clean soil from the solid waste codes. Any disposal that involves removing the sand from the sandbags and properly disposing (land filling, recycling, or reusing) of the bags and the placing of the sand in an area where fill placement is not prohibited by DNR codes.

Additional caution should be used with sand that has come into contact with flood waters as it may contain more bacteria than normal soil. This sand should not be placed in playgrounds, sandboxes or other areas where there is a chance of direct human contact. However these bacteria will dissipate with time and exposure to the elements, so this sand could be stockpiled for use for winter road sand, fill, concrete or mortar sand, or other uses.

Filled sand bags that are fully biodegradable (jute, burlap, or other biodegradable materials) can also be disposed of again by land filling, recycling or reusing. Filled plastic or non-biodegradable should be disposed of at a municipal solid waste land fill or a construction/demolition landfill. Residents interested in this disposal method need to contact the landfill before taking the filled bags there to make sure that they accept sandbags and to get a cost estimate for disposal.

Filled sandbags of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable material and may be reused at other flood sites and may be reused to construct permanent earthen structures. These sandbags are not considered waste when they are reused in a legitimate project within a reasonable amount of time and are not stockpiled for a long period of time prior to use.

The above disposal methods do not apply for sandbags contaminated with petroleum products, transformer oil, or other products subject to DNR regulations. Information on disposal of sandbags known to be contaminated with petroleum products, transformer oil, or other regulated contaminants can be obtained by contacting you DNR waste management or checking their website <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/contacts/solid.htm> .

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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DODGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Dodge County Emergency Management is meeting with FEMA today at 8:45 am for a County wide assessment. They will focus their attention within multiple areas throughout Dodge County.

Beaver Dam fire department is requesting citizens to secure boats, piers or any other items that are on the lake, but only if this can be accomplished **SAFELY**.

Dodge County citizens are encouraged to report any damage they may have sustained by accessing this damage report form at www.co.dodge.wi.us.

There are still roads closed throughout the county. To view detours for these closures you can access www.co.dodge.wi.us/sheriff/RoadClosure.pdf for a complete listing.

Citizens reporting road conditions or seeking additional information can contact the Dodge County Emergency Operations Center at 920-386-4060 which will continue to operate for all of Dodge County to meet the needs of the citizens.

For Immediate Release
June 14, 2008 11:30am

Contact: Jody Langfeldt
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As the flood waters start to slowly recede and people begin to clean up from water damage or flood damage, Dodge County Human Services & Health Department - Public Health Unit would like to remind county residents about some issues that may present concerns for them as they clean up or re-enter their home.

Water Safety -

- Do not use water if a change in taste, odor, or appearance is seen. Well water can be contaminated by bacteria, viruses and parasites from human and animal waste that is found in soil, vegetation and in surface run off.
- Fee exempt water test kits can be obtained from the Public Health Unit and the UW-Extension office in Juneau.
- If a well needs to be chlorinated (shocked), contacting or contracting a professional well contractor is recommended. For people wanting to do their own wells, the Department of Natural Resources in Fitchburg will provide phone support for well chlorination.

Food Safety -

- Do not eat foods that have come in contact with flood water or may have come in contact with flood water.
- If a refrigerator or freezer has been without power for a period of time all food items stored there should be carefully checked.
- Perishable food at room temperature or warmer for more than 2 hours should be thrown out.
- Frozen food that has thawed should be discarded if not consumed immediately or kept refrigerated.
- Undamaged, commercially canned foods can be saved if you remove the can labels, wash the cans, and then disinfect them with a solution consisting of six ounces of bleach to one gallon of water. Re-label your cans, including the expiration date, with a marker.
- Food containers with screw-caps, snap-lids, crimped caps (soda pop bottles), twist caps, flip tops, and home canned foods should be discarded if they have come into contact with flood water because they cannot be disinfected.
- **For infants, use ONLY pre-prepared canned baby formula that requires no added water, rather than powdered formulas prepared with treated water.**

Injury Prevention -

- Do not restore or work on power sources without first contacting your utility company. Avoid downed power lines especially ones in contact with water.
- If using a generator, make sure the area is well ventilated.
- Wear proper clothing and boots when working in water or wet areas. These items may include safety goggles/glasses, gloves or other protective equipment.
- Know the status of most recent tetanus shot. If more than 10 years since the last one a booster is needed. If an injury occurs and it is more than 5 years since the last tetanus shot a booster is needed. Tetanus shots can be provided at the Public Health Unit or through your health care provider.
- If injured while doing clean up activities contact your health care provider for treatment as soon as possible. Contact your health care provider if injuries become reddened, warm to the touch, pain increases or wound drainage occurs.

Insects -

- Remove any standing water from places such as boats, tires, wading pools (after use and store upside down), buckets, cans or other outdoor containers on their property. Keep tarps and pool covers tight to prevent water from pooling. This water is excellent breeding places for mosquitoes and other insects and mosquitoes and other insects can transmit disease.
- Wear DEET containing insect repellent (unless told differently by your health care provider) when out doors doing clean up work and as a regular habit. Check with your health care provider before using DEET containing products on infants and children.

Animals -

- Beware of wild animals such as raccoons and skunks that may have been flooded out of their dens. These animals may have taken shelter in vacant homes, garages, or other out buildings. Carefully inspect these buildings before re-entering them.
- Avoid unfamiliar cats and dogs.
- If you are bitten by a dog, a cat or a wild animal, contact your local health care provider as soon as possible. Contact local police, the Dodge County Sheriff's Department or public health to report the bite.

Misc. -

- Water and warm temperatures are ideal ingredients for the growth of mold. Molds can cause irritation and breathing problems especially in people with asthma, allergies or other respiratory illnesses. Water problems must be addressed to solve mold growth. For more information on mold and mold clean up go to <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/eh/mold>
- Items that have been exposed o flood waters or sewage back up that can't be cleaned or disinfected (Mix 4-6 ounces of bleach to a 1 gallon of water) should be thrown out.
- People working outside should be sure to use sunscreen.

For more information on or questions about these issues, call Dodge County Human Services and Health Department - Public Health Unit at (920) 386-3670 or go to the Dodge County website at www.co.dodge.wi.us .

Emergency Operations Center
Press Release June 13, 2008 9:00am

In the last 16-20 hours Dodge County received an additional 1"-4", the heaviest areas in the northwest part of the county.

Additional roads have been closed and citizens are encouraged to access the website at www.co.dodge.wi.us for information on closed roads. This website can also provide information on health related concerns due to the flooding. Citizens are reminded that roads that are closed have been deemed dangerous and they should not attempt to drive on any closed road. The sheriff's department will be issuing citations to any person driving around barricades.

All dams in the county are holding and are being monitored by the highway department and local officials. All sewer districts that have reported in are functional and also being monitored by local officials.

The National Guard is delivering an additional 230,000 sand bags to Wisconsin this morning. The County highway department will make arrangements to transport approximately 30,000 additional sand bags to our area.

Citizens are once again reminded that initial requests for services and supplies should be directed to their local officials. The County Emergency Operations Center will be manned 24/7 through Monday Morning. At that time the county officials will assess the situation and determine if, and for how long, the EOC will remain open. The number for the EOC is 920-386-4060.



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Dodge County EOC remains activated. The EOC fielded calls through the night and assisted with resources for several municipalities, throughout the county.

Due to the heavy rains many area roads are either closed or impassable. Access to Fox Lake and Randolph areas is extremely limited. Citizens are being **urged** to stay off the roads unless it is an emergency. Anyone driving down roads that have been posted as closed, or barricaded, will be doing so at their own risk and maybe ticketed.

Further information will follow as highway crews are being dispatched at 6:30AM to begin assessing damages.

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