

Iroquois County EMA

Press Release

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For immediate release: Flood Update

The American Red Cross shelter at Trinity Church has closed. The animal shelter has also closed.

Iroquois County EMA has been performing damage assessment to compile and attempt to apply for federal aid. As of now, FEMA is not here, and there is no promise of FEMA assistance. Iroquois County EMA is working with local and state officials to pursue assistance.

As families return to their homes, they will need to contact their insurance companies, qualified inspectors/contractors, and/or their landlords.

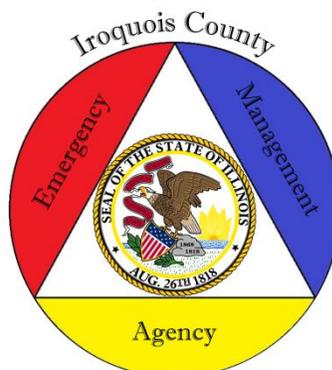
- Landlords are responsible for their property, including its maintenance and repair.
- Ameren and Nicor will not reconnect services until the homeowner has a qualified electrician and/or plumber inspect their home and provide a receipt.
- If you have insurance, call your insurance agent!
- Be wary of mold in homes. Further information on mold in homes can be found at the ICPHD website at <http://www.co.iroquois.il.us/health-department/environmental-health/emergency-preparedness/>.
- Pets are susceptible to mold. Make sure your home is ready for your pet.
- Beware of predatory contractors.
- Watseka will begin picking up flood garbage tomorrow. Residents should bring the garbage to the curb. Electronics, hazardous materials, and tires will not be taken.

If people are looking to donate to the cause, monetary donations can be sent to their favorite charity or the Iroquois County Long-Term Recovery Committee at the First Trust & Savings Bank at PO Box 160, 120 E. Walnut Street, Watseka. The Long-Term Recovery Committee reconvened today, and will begin assessments from known flood victims soon.

Muck-out operations are on-going. Lutheran Church Ministries and Baptist Disaster Relief are planning more work orders for muck-out, so to request assistance, contact Iroquois County EOC at (815) 432-6997. In order to have these teams help clean your home, a responsible adult must be present. Muck out does not replace professional services.

In addition, International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) is organizing through Centennial Christian Church in Watseka. IDES is working to provide flood victims with sheds, and will start working this Friday. If you are a flood victim and are in need of a shed, contact the Centennial Christian Church at (815) 432-3812. Sheds will be provided based on need and availability.

Iroquois County EMA would like to thank the multitudes of agencies and individuals that have helped with the flood relief efforts. The amount of selfless service and neighborly love given to flood victims has proven to be nothing short of awe-inspiring. The response is over, and recovery is in full swing. The work continues to help people return to their lives.



"Be prepared. Respond without hesitation. Help recover."