

STORM RESPONSE RESOURCES



Updated Tuesday, August 18

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COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please go to www.cedar-rapids.org and take the survey on the Storm Damage Response page. This survey will help us determine which areas to focus additional assistance. You will not be contacted directly following the survey. The information will be shared with our partner agencies who will allocate resources. If you have immediate needs, call 2-1-1 (by cell phone, dial 319-739-4211), or for an emergency call 9-1-1.

BURN BAN

A burn ban has been added to the Emergency Proclamation. All outdoor recreational fires and debris burning are prohibited. Citizens can still use dried firewood in a fire pit to cook food for the period of time necessary to prepare the food, but then should extinguish it. Charcoal and propane grills may still be used by single-family homeowners. Charcoal and propane grills larger than a one-pound cylinder have always been prohibited above ground level in multi-family dwellings and will continue to be.

DEBRIS PICKUP

As of Sunday night, we have hauled 5,562 dump truck loads of debris away. Crews' first priority is on clearing blockages and opening emergency access. We are slowly beginning the process of hauling debris out of neighborhoods, which will take several weeks. Leave debris from your private or street trees on the right-of-way, behind the curb. Keep tree debris separate from other rubble. The public site for tree debris drop-off is located at the former Cooper's Mill location, and is open for City residents who wish to take tree debris off their property rather than wait for our crews to arrive. The site is located at F Avenue and 1st Street NW, and is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GENERATOR USE AND SAFETY

Several fires have been caused by generators located too close to residential properties. Residents are reminded to keep generators 20 feet from a structure and to keep exhaust pointed away from the house. As residents continue with storm debris cleanup, we remind everyone to wear protective equipment while operating chainsaws.

Prior to electrical power being restored, residents are encouraged to unplug items such as air conditioning units to avoid damage from an electric surge when power returns.

FOUNDATION 2 CRISIS SERVICES

The Foundation 2 crisis lines are in service. Crisis counselors are available 24/7 at 319-362-2174 or through chat or text services. The Statewide Crisis Line, Your Life Iowa, is also operational. Call Your Life Iowa at 855-581-8111 or text 855-895-8398. Additional Foundation 2 in-person crisis and support resources are available at the Neighborhood Resource Centers.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Fourteen national organizations are currently volunteering in Cedar Rapids. If you are interested in volunteering, contact United Way at 224-406-1366 or go online at <https://unitedwayofeastcentraliowa.galaxydigital.com/>

TRANSIT SERVICE RESUMES

Transit service resumes Monday, August 17. Buses may be delayed. Find your bus using our bus tracker: <http://www.ridect.com>

FOOD ASSISTANCE REPLACEMENT

Households who currently receive Food Assistance may request replacement of food destroyed as a result of the recent storm damage, or spoiled as a result of the power outage. Households have ten calendar days from when they discover food loss to complete the application. Forms and additional information are available on the Iowa Department of Human Services website.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Meal Pods

Pods are set up to offer food and water to those in need. Families will be able to get a case of water, a bag of ice, and meals ready to eat for each family member. The drive-thru assistance locations operate from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and are at **Kingston Stadium** (907 15th Street SW), **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** (8300 C Avenue, Marion), **Marion Walmart** (5491 US-151, Marion).

Operation BBQ Relief

Hot meals will be served from Noon to 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. thanks to the generosity of Operation BBQ Relief with the support of several Corridor area restaurants. Five hundred meals will be available for both lunch and dinner at **Downtown Public Library** (450 5th Avenue SE), **Ladd Library** (3750 Williams Boulevard SW), **NW Recreation Center** (1340 11th Street NW), **Jane Boyd Community House** (943 14th Avenue SE), **Taylor Elementary School** (720 7th Avenue SW), **Roosevelt Middle School** (300 13th Street NW), **Grant Elementary School** (254 Outlook Drive SW), **Johnson STEAM Academy** (355 18th Street SE), **Nixon Elementary School** (200 Nixon Drive, Hiawatha), **Jefferson School** (1243 20th Street SW), **Polk Alternative Education Center** (1500 B Avenue NE)

Additional Food Resources

- Jim's Foods, 812 Sixth Street SW, will provide meals free of charge from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m., until power is restored.
- Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1285 3rd Avenue SE, will be giving away free hotdogs, chips, and water bottles beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18. In addition, there will be a pop-up food pantry from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. for distribution of food.
- The Churches of Marion Food Pantry, at the former Anytime Fitness in Marion Square Plaza adjacent to City Square Park is open for food distribution.
- Encore Grab-and-Go Meals for persons 60 and over are available on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Marion Public Library, 1095 6th Avenue, Marion. You must register at 319-398-2585 to have a meal prepared.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Parks and trails are closed. It is dangerous to walk in parks at this time because of hanging limbs and unstable trees.
- Be careful walking through neighborhoods. The tree debris may cause obstructions for vehicles and not all trees are currently stable.
- Power has been restored to approximately 50 percent of signals. Please use caution at intersections.
- Waypoint's shelter service number is currently not working, but their statewide call center is now working. Residents seeking housing services can call 1-833-730-0065. This number will connect you with Waypoint's Shelter Services.
- Computers with internet and charging stations are available at the Thomas Park Admin Facility in Marion from 9:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. this week.

