

# STORM RESPONSE RESOURCES



Updated Sunday, August 16

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### Radio

Information will be broadcast daily from Z102.9 at 7:30 a.m. and WMT 600 AM at 7:10 a.m. and rebroadcast at 8:35 a.m.

### Website

[Cedar-Rapids.org](http://Cedar-Rapids.org)

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## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE

### CENTERS

Neighborhood Resource Centers will be available at the following sites:

- **Ladd Library** (3750 Williams Blvd SW)
- **Northwest Recreation Center** (1340 11th St NW - parking lot)
- **St. Paul's Methodist Church** (1340 3rd Ave SE)
- **ROC Center** (1202 10th Street SE)
- **Taylor Elementary School** (720 7th Ave SW)

The centers will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily and provide food and information. Additional resources will be added including supplies for clean-up, and legal and mental health assistance. Services will transition as additional resident needs are assessed.

### DEBRIS PICKUP

Tree debris pickup is underway. Crews are picking up tree debris located near the street and *will return to each property multiple times* to remove debris. Crews will collect whatever they can at each property. When possible, move tree debris behind the curb; keep tree debris separate from other rubble.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION

- Garbage collection only following the normal schedule has resumed.
- Carts must be located at the street in front of your home, NOT the alley.
- Double bag any spoiled food that won't fit in your cart and place the bag on the ground next to your garbage cart.
- Extra bags of spoiled food will not require an extra garbage tag.
- There may be some streets that we are not able to navigate at this time. Find accessible areas to group GARBY carts and spoiled food waste in garbage bags.
- Debris and materials damaged in the storm do not need to go into your GARBY cart. Place these items near the curb. Keep debris out of the street and sidewalk. Keep garbage debris in separate piles from tree debris.
- Work with your neighbors to locate extra garbage carts that were moved by the storm.
- Contact [solid-waste-recycling@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:solid-waste-recycling@cedar-rapids.org) or 319-286-5897 to report damaged carts and lids.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Disaster Case Management

- Single point of contact to help access resources
- Contact HACAP at 319-739-0056

### Iowa Individual Disaster Assistance Grant Program

- Income restrictions may apply
- Each qualifying household receive up to \$5,000.00
- Tips: Take photos of your damage and keep all receipts
- Apply at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs> or contact HACAP at 319-739-0056 for more details

### Crisis Counseling

For 24/7 disaster crisis counseling, call Iowa Concern Hotline at 800-447-1985.

## 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 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are at **Kingston Stadium** (907 15th Street SW), **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** (8300 C Ave, Marion), **Marion Walmart** (5491 US-151, Marion).

### Operation BBQ Relief

Hot meals will be served from Noon-2 p.m., and 5-7 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 Blvd SW), **NW Recreation Center** (1340 11th Street NW), **Jane Boyd Community House** (943 14th Ave 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)

## TIPS FOR HIRING TREE SERVICE

- Verify the contractor is properly insured
- Always get a written estimate before work begins
- Do not pay upfront
- No permits required for tree removal / trimming services

## TIPS FOR HOME REPAIRS

Before doing home repairs, verify your contractor has obtained the appropriate permits.

## GENERATOR SAFETY

- Portable generators need to be placed at least 20 feet from your home.
- Make sure the exhaust from the generator is not pointed towards your home, as carbon monoxide can be a significant issue.

## CHAINSAW SAFETY

- Proper personal protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw, which includes hand, foot, leg, eye, face, hearing and head protection.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.
- Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw. Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- Do not burn debris or damaged trees as it is both illegal and unsafe. The City will be collecting both debris and damaged trees.

