

# STORM RESPONSE RESOURCES



Tuesday, August 25-Wednesday, August 26

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## DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRIES

Hot meal programs conclude on Tuesday, August 25. On Wednesday, August 26, the Red Cross will offer shelf-stable meal packs at Neighborhood Resource Centers from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Iowa Food Banks and Amerigroup will host mobile drive-thru food pantries to support disaster relief response efforts on Tuesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 27. The no-contact food pantries will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Centers from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shelf-stable food will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Neighborhood Resource Center locations are:

Metro High School: 1212 7th St. SE

St Paul's Methodist Church: 1340 3rd Ave. SE

Ladd Library: 3750 Williams Blvd.

Northwest Recreation Center parking lot: 1340 11th St. NW

Taylor Elementary School: 720 7th Ave. SW

## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Electrical power has been restored to nearly all customers in Cedar Rapids and the curfew is no longer needed. Please be vigilant during the evening and overnight hours when it is more difficult to see debris on sidewalks or roadways.

The burn ban will remain in effect. With the elevated temperatures and tree debris drying out very quickly, there is an enhanced fire risk in our community. While outdoor cooking is allowed, please exercise caution and ensure the cooking fire is completely extinguished.

## COOLING STATION EXTENDED

The cooling station located at the US Cellular Center has been extended. The site will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily for the remainder of the week. This location also doubles as a no-cost cell phone charging and Wi-Fi station.

## THREE SPLASH PADS OPEN

Splash pads are now open at Twin Pines (3500 42nd St. NE), Hayes Park (1924 D St. SW) and Hidder Park (1248 10th St. SE). For safety reasons due to storm damage, all other parks remain closed.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies originally intended to be distributed through the Rollin' Recmobile at park sites the week of August 10, will now be distributed through the Neighborhood Resource Centers on Thursday, August 27. Supply kits will be available at each site as long as materials last.

## TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SIGNS

Crews have re-energized all signals where power has been restored. Sign crews continue replacing or repairing signage at intersections, and will soon transition to replacing or repairing street name signage.

## COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To assess remaining community needs and coordinate resources, individuals are asked to fill out the community needs assessment survey on the City's storm response page ([www.cedar-rapids.org](http://www.cedar-rapids.org)). You will not be contacted directly following the survey, however, the information will be shared with partner agencies to focus additional assistance and allocate resources.

## REMINDERS

- Residents with clean-up needs can call the Emergency Volunteer Center at: 224-406-1366.
- Recycling collection resumes this week. Yard waste will be collected starting the week of Monday, August 31. Place carts in the street and not in the alley at this time.
- Information on the permit process, what type of projects require permits, and a list of where to find reputable contractors is available on the City's website: [www.cedar-rapids.org/homerepair](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/homerepair). To verify your contractor is licensed, please call the Building Services Department at 319-286-5929, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## RED CROSS

The Red Cross is offering recovery financial assistance to households whose homes were destroyed or sustained major damage by the Iowa Derecho. To be eligible for immediate assistance, households must apply for the program and must meet all of the requirements:

- Applicant's pre-disaster primary residence is located in a confirmed disaster-impacted geographic area.
- Applicant is the head of household and is not listed as a household member on any other Immediate Assistance application.
- Applicant's primary residence suffered major damage or was destroyed. Major damage is indicated by significant structural damage to a residence that requires extensive repairs. This may include substantial failure of the roof, walls or foundation, or a water line above 18 inches. A residence that is destroyed is one that is a total loss or with damage so extensive that repair is not feasible.

To complete applications, heads of household are encouraged to call 1-800-REDCROSS, and select prompt 4. The financial assistance application requires a valid text enabled phone number and/or an email address for processing.

## ALLIANT RECONNECT

United Way in partnership with the Alliant Energy Foundation, have set up Project Reconnect to help pay for repairs to personally owned exterior electrical systems. The funding from these organizations will help HACAP to handle case management and dispatch electricians to homes that need these repairs. Alliant customers can contact HACAP at 319-739-0056 to determine if they meet the income guidelines to apply.

## IOWA LEGAL AID

In Iowa there are limited resources and programs available to provide free civil legal assistance. When you call a program to request assistance, you will be screened for eligibility. A client is eligible for assistance if their income and assets fall within the established guidelines and if the case fits within the priorities set by the program. Not all clients who are financially eligible will be able to receive assistance because of the limited staff or volunteer resources of the programs. The program will assess your case to determine if they may be able to assist you. Your case may be handled by one of the staff attorneys at the program. In some circumstances your case will be referred to a private attorney who has volunteered to assist persons referred through a pro bono program. Contact:

### Iowa Legal Aid

<http://www.iowalegalaid.org/>

Applications for help statewide: (800) 532-1275

[Apply online at www.iowalegalaid.org](http://www.iowalegalaid.org)

## TREE DEBRIS UPDATE

The City has collected 48,000 tons of debris, and has completed the first pass on collecting curbside debris from approximately 20 percent of roadways. A progress map can be found on the City's website. There is still a massive volume of debris on many streets. Please continue to use caution while driving - reduce speeds and be cautious when backing out of driveways. As the City shifts from immediate response to long-term operations, a contractor who specializes in high-volume debris removal and comes equipped with large hauling vehicles will handle debris. Their contract will last the duration of clean-up needs. During the hot weather this week, residents may see vapor rising off the piles of mulch at our drop-off sites. This is normal; mulch begins to steam as the wood decomposes in hot weather.

## INDIVIDUAL FEMA ASSISTANCE

Residents of Linn County can apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program. Assistance can come in the form of grants, low-cost loans, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Apply for assistance by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 for TTY users. Users of 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) may call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. CST, seven days a week, until further notice. Applications can also be submitted at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

