

# STORM RESPONSE RESOURCES



Saturday, August 22 - Sunday, August 23

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## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTERS

Neighborhood Resource Centers will be open throughout the weekend from 9 :00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. The sites provide information and resources including food, ice, charging stations, and access to mental health services. Some donations are distributed through these centers.

Locations are:

- **Ladd Library** (3750 Williams Boulevard SW)
- **Northwest Recreation Center** (1340 11th Street NW - parking lot)
- **St. Paul's Methodist Church** (1340 3rd Avenue SE)
- **Taylor Elementary School** (720 7th Avenue SW)
- **Metro High School** (1212 7th Street SE)

## ICE DISTRIBUTION

Ice will be available through the weekend at the Ladd Library, St. Paul's Methodist Church, and Metro High School Neighborhood Resource Centers.

## COOLING STATIONS

With temperatures predicted to rise, the charging station at the U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, may be used as a cooling shelter. It will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please enter the arena off 1st Avenue near the 4th Street railroad tracks. Masks are required for everyone inside the arena and individual charging stations are social-distanced.

## HOT MEAL PROGRAMS

Hot meal programs will begin to be streamlined based on community needs. With more people regaining power or receiving shelter, the need for hot meal sites is decreasing, but food options will remain available as needed. Hot meals are provided at the following locations and times. Additional resource information is available at

[www.linndisasterinfo.com/storm](http://www.linndisasterinfo.com/storm).

### Sat., August 22, 12-2 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.:

- Downtown Library (450 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE)
- Grant Elementary School (254 Outlook Drive SW)
- Jefferson High School (1243 20<sup>th</sup> Street SW)
- Johnson STEAM Academy (355 18<sup>th</sup> Street SE)
- Ladd Library (3750 Williams Boulevard SW)
- Metro High School (1212 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE)
- Northwest Recreation Center (1340 11th Street NW - parking lot)
- Polk Alternative Education Center (1500 B Avenue NE)
- Roosevelt Middle School (300 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW)
- St. Paul's Methodist Church (1340 3rd Avenue SE)
- Taylor Elementary School (720 7th Avenue SW)

### Sun., August 23-Tues., August 25, 12-2 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.:

- Ladd Library (3750 Williams Boulevard SW)
- Metro High School (1212 7th Street SE)
- St. Paul's Methodist Church (1340 3rd Avenue SE)

### Sun., August 23-Tues., August 25 from 12-2 p.m.:

- Northwest Recreation Center (1340 11th Street NW - parking lot)
- Taylor Elementary School (720 7th Avenue SW)

## INDIVIDUAL FEMA ASSISTANCE

Residents of Linn County can now apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program, which provides disaster-affected homeowners, renters, and businesses with programs and services to maximize recovery, including assistance with housing, personal property replacement, medical expenses, and legal services.

Assistance can come in the form of grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area (Linn County) can begin applying 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 for assistance can also be submitted by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

Locations for FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are being determined and information regarding these sites will be communicated once finalized. DRCs are accessible facilities and mobile offices set up after a disaster to help with FEMA response and assistance.

Linn County residents are no longer eligible to apply for the State Individual Assistance Program and should apply for the FEMA Individual Assistance Program.

## DONATIONS

Financial donations should be directed to the following organizations.

- United Way of East Central Iowa: [www.uweci.org/disasterfund/](http://www.uweci.org/disasterfund/)
- Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation: [gcrf.iphiview.com/gcrf/Donors/Donate](http://gcrf.iphiview.com/gcrf/Donors/Donate)
- Red Cross: [redcross.org/donate/donation.html/](http://redcross.org/donate/donation.html/)
- Salvation Army: [centralusa.salvationarmy.org/cedarrapid/](http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/cedarrapid/)

Those who wish to donate material goods are asked to bring new items (listed below) to the donation center located at 4200 C Street SW, Cedar Rapids. The center is accepting donations daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items should be placed on a pallet beneath the tent outside the warehouse to be sorted by volunteers. The donation center is currently not accepting donations of clothing, water, or other household items.

Needs: Shelf-stable food in cans or boxes – no glass, adult and child diapers, toiletries (shampoo and conditioner, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap), household cleaning products (paper towels, disinfectant, brooms, trash bags), yard clean-up products (rakes, shovels, tarps, yard debris bags, gloves).

## CHICKEN GIVEAWAY

Tyson will give away 44,000 pounds of chicken on Saturday, August 22 at the First Assembly of God, 3233 Blairs Ferry Road NE. This is a drive-thru distribution starting at 9:00 a.m. Each family receives one free bag of chicken.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Red Cross will provide up to \$450 to households/ individuals impacted by the derecho. Survivors can get more information by calling 1-800-REDCROSS and select option #4. <https://www.redcross.org/>
- Contact Crisis Cleanup at [www.crisiscleanup.org](http://www.crisiscleanup.org) or 844-965-1386. Services are provided for free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. The hotline will remain open until August 28.
- General questions on Disaster Unemployment Assistance should go to [uiclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:uiclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov)  
For help on a claim they can go to [uiclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:uiclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov) or call at 866-239-0843.
- People may get civil rights information and/or file a complaint by calling the Civil Rights Commission at 319-286-5036 or emailing [civilrights@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:civilrights@cedar-rapids.org). Forms are available in French, Kirundi, Spanish, and Swahili and the Commission has access to a language line. Employment, Education, Public Accommodation and Credit cases must be filed within 300 days of the last discriminatory incident. Housing cases must be filed within one year of the last discriminatory incident.

## PERSONAL USE OF WOOD

Residents can save wood for personal use such as refurnishing, firewood, etc., but will need to collect any wood they want to save from their property or their neighbor's property, prior to it being picked up by crews. Once the wood is picked up, it will go to a drop-off site for mulching as well as appropriate FEMA documentation, and is not available for residents at this time. For safety reasons, we cannot allow residents onto drop-off sites while work is underway, where heavy machinery is operated, and there are significant volumes of large truck traffic and debris piles.

## PARKS ARE CLOSED

Cedar Rapids parks and trails are closed due to storm damage and ongoing cleanup. For your safety, please do not walk through the parks.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals are encouraged to sign up to help one of three ways:

- Sign up online at [uweci.org/volunteernow](http://uweci.org/volunteernow)
- Call 224-406-1366
- Visit Linn County Emergency Management, located at 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to get registered

Individuals in need of volunteer assistance can contact the Emergency Volunteer Reception Center at 224-406-1366 to be connected to volunteers.

If you are in need of additional assistance, United Way 211 can connect those in need to resources. To reach 211, dial 211 on any phone, text your zip code to 899211, or visit [211iowa.org](http://211iowa.org).

