



# Disaster News

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## LOCAL LIBRARIES OFFER STORM REPAIRS, REBUILDING, INSURANCE INFO

**LA CROSSE, Wis.** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is distributing an informational packet this week on flood-related repairs, reducing flood damage in the future and flood insurance. One hundred twenty-five packets will go to libraries in counties designated for federal disaster assistance following the severe storms and flooding that occurred Aug. 18 – 31.

Eight books and pamphlets are included in the packet with a range of information from how to deal with mold, a common problem caused by flooding, to flood-related repairs to building a safe room.

The book “Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room Inside Your House” was a hot item at the Richland County Fair last weekend, according to FEMA representatives distributing information there.

This information is available at county fairs, recovery centers and home improvement stores during the recovery period. The public libraries will have this information available during and after the recovery period. Personal copies can be requested with the ordering information available at the library.

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Wisconsin citizens affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred August 18 – 31 in Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk and Vernon counties can apply for assistance. Residents can apply online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) anytime or by calling toll-free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily until further notice. Those with speech or hearing impairment may call **TTY 1-800-462-7585**.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

For more information on Wisconsin disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance) or <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>.

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