

## **Press Release**

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## **Flood Damage in Richland County Assistance is being offered**

As of 4:20pm Tuesday, August 21, 2007, Richland County Emergency Management has announced that damage assessment data for Richland County continues to be collected and at this time there are 4 homes completely destroyed, 15 residents reporting major damage, and 164 residents reporting minor damage. The actual value associated with the damage continues to be tabulated and is not available for release at this time.

The Spring Green and Lone Rock Fire Department staff, along with the local DNR agency, have pumped basements and conducted structural assessments on 10 Richland County residencies. The Richland County Fire Department was on standby to assist as needed.

Sand and sand bags are now available for Richland County residents to utilize at the Kilian Meyer Building located in Krouskop Park and also in the parking lot of Doudna School. Residents are being instructed to bring along their own shovels, as they will not be provided.

Marianne Stanek, Richland County Health and Human Services Public Health Manager, has announced that flood clean-up kits are also available for residents at the Kilian Meyer Building. These kits include a mop, bucket, bleach, and rags.

People wishing to make donations of clothing, furniture, household items, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items are being asked to drop them off at the Richland Center Goodwill Donation Center located on Hwy. 14 E beginning Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The staff at Goodwill will process the donated items and place them in their store. The Donation Center's hours of operation are 9:30am to 6pm Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm. The Donation Center will also be open from Noon to 5pm for the next four Sundays (8/26, 9/2, 9/9 and 9/16) in order to accommodate donations at this critical time.

Any flood victim in need of clothing, furniture, or household items can receive free vouchers which can be used to shop at Goodwill Stores located in Richland Center,

Portage, Madison, or Fort Atkinson. The free vouchers, as well as any non-perishable food or personal hygiene items that are donated, will be distributed to flood victims through the Killian Meyer Building. Residents may call 647-5327 to find out when the Killian Meyer Building will be open and staffed. The free Goodwill vouchers are also available at the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 181 W. Seminary Street (ground floor of the Richland County Courthouse). The Resource Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm or residents may call their office at 647-4616.

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