



State Emergency Operations Center  
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## IOWA FLOODING UPDATE March 23, 2019

The President's Major Disaster Declaration for 56 counties that have been severely impacted by recent flooding along the Missouri River and other parts of the state makes assistance available to homeowners, renters, businesses, public entities, and select nonprofit organizations.

The declaration by the President makes available the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program for five counties, which provides aid to eligible homeowners, renters, and businesses. Residents in the following five counties are eligible to apply for this program, regardless of income.

### **Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, and Woodbury**

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time), seven days a week, until further notice.

The declaration also makes available FEMA's Public Assistance Program, which puts into motion long-term federal recovery programs to help public entities and select nonprofit organizations. The 56 counties eligible to apply for Public Assistance funding under this declaration are: **Adair, Allamakee, Audubon, Boone, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dallas, Decatur, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jasper, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, and Wright.**

The governor's statewide proclamation of disaster emergency activated the State of Iowa's disaster response and recovery capabilities and authorized the use of state resources to assist local government and citizens in all 99 counties. Additionally, the State Individual Assistance Program has been activated for the following 54 counties:

Adair, Appanoose, Audubon, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Cass, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clay, Clayton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Delaware, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Kossuth, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Page, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright

*(Counties underlined and bolded have been added to the proclamation as of today's date.)*

For further information on the disaster information and assistance, go to: <http://floods2019.iowa.gov>

Call 211 with questions or concerns about the massive flooding and what steps they can take toward recovery. The Flood Hotline is open 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week.

Individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to affiliate with local groups, however they may also indicate interest in being contacted as volunteer opportunities arise by registering at:

<https://volunteeriowa.org/disaster-volunteers>

Organizations in need of volunteers can post needs for volunteers here:

<http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/volunteer-connector-organizations>



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Has the flooding damage left you or someone you know overwhelmed and unsure how to move forward? Our Iowa Concern Hotline can help. Call anytime. [1-800-447-1985](tel:1-800-447-1985)

#### STATE AGENCIES

State agencies are performing roles in accordance with the Iowa Emergency Response Plan. Those agencies are: Iowa Communications Network, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, Department of Administrative Services-Purchasing, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Corrections, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa National Guard, Iowa Workforce Development

SEOC Assigned Missions	Missions Complete	Missions Ongoing	Missions Cancelled
128	88	32	8

FEDERAL AGENCIES - Federal agencies are performing emergency/disaster responsibilities according to their own authorities. Those agencies are: Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha and Rock Island Districts

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS - Private sector partners are performing emergency/disaster responsibilities according to their own authorities. Those partners are: Atlantic Bottling Company, Fareway, Kum N Go, National Grocers Association, Target

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are performing emergency/disaster operations under their own authorities: Those organizations are: American Red Cross, Lions Club, Safeguard Iowa Partnership, The Salvation Army, Seventh-day Adventists

#### SHELTER SUMMARY

#### STATUS

Fremont	Sidney United Faith Church and Community Center 1975 US 275, Sidney	Open
Harrison	Rand Center, 100 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Missouri Valley	Open
Page	Shenandoah Armory and Community Center 423 W. Thomas, Shenandoah	Open
Pottawattamie	Salem Methodist Church, 14955 Somerset Council Bluffs, American Red Cross	Open

EVACUATIONS - No new evacuations

#### PREPAREDNESS

- Discuss with your family where you will go if you need to evacuate
- If there is time, pack essential items, including medications, insurance records and contact information, clothing, and if you have young children, pack essentials like diapers or formula – enough for at least three days
- If traveling, stay up-to-date with road closures at [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org)
- If you are driving and see water over the road, do not try to drive through it



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- *TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN*

### **WEATHER SUMMARY**

- Weekend temperatures in the 50s with chances of precipitation Saturday and Sunday
- Widespread light rain expected over most of the state Saturday into Sunday, generally under half an inch with highest amounts expected in SW Iowa
- Temperature trends same to similar for upper Midwest (Minnesota and Wisconsin), significant snowpack still present in this area

### **FUTURE CONCERNS**

- Flooding from southern Minnesota is expected to increase this weekend and into next week due to above normal temperatures and chance of rain (<1") both Saturday and Sunday. This is in addition to ongoing river flooding and ice jam flooding across the Minnesota
- Areas of focus are Little Sioux, Big Sioux and Missouri Rivers
- Mississippi River levels are expected to climb steadily throughout next week, with NE Iowa locations reaching Moderate Flood Stage by the end of March

### **Reservoir Information**

- Saylorville Levels (currently projected to get to 877.47'):  
<http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=SAYI4&fid=SAYI4&dt=S>
- Red Rock Levels (currently projected to get to 764.34'):  
<http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=PELI4&fid=PELI4&dt=S>
- Coralville Levels (currently projected to get to 703.24'):  
<http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CRVI4&fid=CRVI4&dt=S>