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FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

Homeowners and renters in Cedar County may now apply for FEMA Individual Assistance for losses resulting from the severe storms on Aug. 10, 2020. Assistance provided by FEMA for homeowners can include grants for repairs to make their primary home habitable. Rental assistance is available to pay for temporary housing for homeowners and renters. Lodging expense reimbursement may be available to eligible households who may have stayed in a hotel for a short period of time.

FEMA assistance can also help with other disaster-related needs like replacing essential household items, and medical and dental expenses. Businesses, homeowners and renters may be eligible for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

First, if you haven't already done so, contact your insurance company and file a claim for the disaster-caused damage you've suffered. You don't have to wait for FEMA to start cleaning up but be sure to take photographs or video of the damage and keep all receipts for repair work. **If you have losses not covered by insurance, contact FEMA by either going online to DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the helpline at 800-621-3362.**

Applicants will need the following to apply. You can upload all required documents at DisasterAssistance.gov:

- Address of the damaged property
 - Description of disaster-caused damage and losses
 - Current mailing address
 - Current telephone number
 - Social Security number of one member of the household
 - Insurance information
 - Total household annual income
 - Bank account routing and account number for direct deposit
 - Save your FEMA registration number, also known as FEMA ID number.
 - Check your DisasterAssistance.gov account for updates.
- THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE IS NOVEMBER 2, 2020.**



VITAL RECORDS AND CERTAIN REGISTRATIONS/TITLES – RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Governor's Proclamation issued August 21st, 2020 allows for the replacement of Vital Records, Boat, Snowmobile, ATV or ORV registrations and/or titles in the Cedar County Recorder's Office due to them being lost, destroyed, or rendered illegible as a result of derecho that occurred on August 10, 2020. Please contact the Cedar County Recorder's Office at 563-886-2230 or stop by the office for help with obtaining replacements at no fee.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS SERVICE IS SCHEDULED TO END ON NOVEMBER 15, 2020.



IOWA LEGAL AID

Individuals with questions of a legal nature can call the Legal Information Hotline at 1-800-332-0419.

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As we continue to recover from the August 10th derecho, Cedar County Emergency Management is reminding all Cedar County residents of their responsibilities according to The Cedar County Burn Ordinance. Please note that this ordinance applies to rural residents; your local jurisdiction may have other restrictions or rules that pertain to open burning. Those who live in an incorporated jurisdiction are strongly encouraged to contact their local city hall regarding burning restrictions and ordinances.

If you are planning an open burn, you must first notify a Dispatcher on duty at the Cedar County Law Center with the following information:

- Name and phone number of the person responsible for the burn,
- the specific location of the burn
- the date and time that the open burn will be held.

An adult over the age of 18 must remain near the burn to attend it until the fire is extinguished. To notify dispatch, please contact the Cedar County Sheriff's Office at 563-886-2121, extension 4.

All residents are reminded to monitor the weather conditions prior to the open burn and to refrain from burning on windy days or during times of excessive dry conditions within the county or during declared burn bans.



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY DERECHO

Small nonfarm businesses in 12 Iowa counties and a neighboring county in Illinois are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the derecho in the following primary counties that occurred Aug. 10, 2020.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.



CEDAR COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE

There are three kinds of assistance in Cedar County

- ▶ Emergency assistance for needy persons:
- ▶ Assistance for poor persons,
- ▶ Assistance for an extended nature.

You can also request food boxes from Cedar County General Assistance.

For more information, call 563-886-1726



WEAR A MASK.
Slow the spread.



We know that these are trying times for everyone. The following resources are available for Cedar County residents:

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Free counseling is available to any Iowan who has been affected, in any way, by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The options available are:

- Call 800-447-1985 to connect with a counselor specializing in rural issues and agriculture 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276, to connect with a peer counselor or request to get in touch with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor.

ARE YOU FACING AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS? PLEASE CALL FOR HELP:

- Call 911 for emergencies
- The Eldercare Locator: 1-800-677-1116 (interpretation services for 150 languages)
- National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453) or text 1-800-422-4453
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or Online Chat
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or Lifeline Crisis Chat.
- Veteran's Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Chat or text: 8388255
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program 24/hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-373-1043
- Homeless or facing a housing crisis? Call Houselowa at 1-833-739-0065 for assistance.

REPORT ABUSE

Child Abuse – If you suspect a child under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected:

1. If you believe that the child is in imminent danger, CALL 911 immediately
2. Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Be ready to provide identifying information and the whereabouts of the child
 - Unless you are a mandatory reporter, you may remain anonymous.

Dependent Abuse – Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM

- On May 29, Governor Kim Reynolds launched a new program that will provide short-term relief to income-eligible renters and homeowners who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure due to a documented COVID-19 related loss of income. For information, call the Housing Recovery Help Line at 1-855-300-5885 or 515-348-8813.

DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE

Provides immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster, natural or man-made. 1-800-985-5990. You can also text TalkWithUS to 66746 for assistance.

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Iowans who may qualify for unemployment due to COVID-19 or under the CARES Act can find information by calling: 1-866-239-0843

UNINSURED?

If you are uninsured and need COVID-19 testing, you can call 1-855-889-7985 for assistance.

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA

Do you need help with food, utility bill assistance, crisis assistance, disaster assistance, or other help? Contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa at 563-324-3236

EASTERN IOWA MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES – It's OK to ask for help!!

- 24-Hour Mobile Crisis Outreach & 24-Hour Crisis Line 1-844-430-0375
- 24 Hour Life Connections Peer Respite Support Line 1-516-688-7484
- MCSA Peer Line and Virtual Groups. Open 8am-5pm M-F 563-200-2742
- Life Connections Peer Line and Virtual Groups. M, T, Th, F: 5pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 12pm-5pm 563-357-6352
- Vera French Peer Drop In- 8am-4pm M-F 563-322-5276
- 24 Hour Crisis Stabilization Residential 563-396-3017

NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOME ENERGY BILL?

For individuals who received a disconnection notice or who have difficulty paying a utility bill, there is help available through Community Action of Eastern Iowa. Families can apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that can help pay a portion of an eligible household's utility bill. The program began accepting applications October 1, 2020, for households that have a member who is at least 60 years of age, or disabled, or where disconnection is imminent. All others may apply November 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021. For assistance, please call 563-324-3236 or contact the Iowa Department of Human Rights at 1-800-351-4659.

REFUGEE ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL IOWA

COVID-19 ELL Help Line is available Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm at 1-877-558-2609.

FOOD BANK SERVICES

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has made several modifications to its food security programs due to the COVID-19 crisis. For more information, or to apply for SNAP benefits, call 1-855-944-3663.

USDA ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE DERECHO

The USDA offers many different programs that may provide assistance due to hardships incurred as a result of this disaster. For more information, in Cedar County, please call 563-886-6061.

NOVEMBER 2020 HACAP FOOD RESERVOIR SCHEDULE

- 11/6/2020 – Tipton UMC, 607 Lynn Street, Tipton. 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- 11/10/2020 – Bennett Ambulance Service Building – 145 Main Street, Bennett – 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- 11/17/2020 – West Branch Fire Department – 105 S. 2nd Street, West Branch – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

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