



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**August 16, 2021**

## **Flooding Response to Ford County**

Gibson City, IL -

Team Rubicon has started assisting the community with clean up today. If you need assistance (ie: drywall/carpet removal, yard cleanup, removal of damaged items) contact Team Rubicon at 469-984-7993. If you would like to volunteer, please go to New Beginnings Church located at 107 S. Sangamon Ave. Tuesday through Friday between 9 am and 5 pm. Proper attire would include long pants, work gloves and closed toe shoes.

The Bank of Gibson City is accepting financial donations for disaster relief. Please call the Bank of Gibson City at 217-784-4233 for further details. A needs-based process is being developed on how funds will be dispersed to Gibson City residents in need impacted by the flood.

Residents who are interested in donating items may drop off those items at Gibson City Bible Church Monday and Wednesday 1-4 pm. The only items that are being accepted at this time are:

- Work gloves
- Mops
- Fans
- Large garbage cans
- Dehumidifiers
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If you are in need of the following items, they will be available for pick up at the Gibson City Bible Church Monday and Wednesday between 1-4 pm.

- 5-gallon buckets of cleaning supplies
- Bleach
- Empty 5-gallon buckets
- Trash bags
- Shovels, rakes, brooms
- Health Kits (towels, toiletry items)
- Bottled water
- Leaf Rakes
- Shovels
- Box Fans

A MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) will be open on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. A MARC is designed to allow residents access to disaster related relief services and information to aide in the recovery process following a natural disaster or hazard. More information to follow regarding a time and location.

The SBA (Small Business Administration) will be completing Preliminary Damage Assessment on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am through late afternoon. SBA reps along with locals will be out and about within Ford County. The goal is to evaluate damage to determine what disaster assistance Ford County residents and governments may be eligible for. We are hopeful that we will know what disaster assistance will be available within a week of the local SBA evaluation.

Community meals will be available for dinner this evening and lunch and dinner Tuesday in front of Pioletti's at 310 N Sangamon Ave. and Wednesday-Sunday at the Gibson City American Legion at 203 N Sangamon Ave. Lunch will start at 12 pm and dinner at 4 pm.

If you are in need of any assistance, call 211 or 888-865-9903. 211 is working with the community agencies and Gibson City to provide information and assistance as available.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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