



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Flooding Response to Ford County

Gibson City, IL -

Team Rubicon has started assisting the community with clean up. 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. You can Venmo to gibsoncityfloodrelief or make checks payable to "City of Gibson Flood Relief" and mail to the following:

City of Gibson Flood Relief

804 S Sangamon Ave.

Gibson City, IL 60936

Residents who are interested in donating items may drop off those items at Gibson City Bible Church. The only items that are being accepted at this time are:

- Work gloves
- Brooms
- Mops
- Box fans
- Squeegees
- Dehumidifiers
- Damprid
- Rubber gloves
- Flat shovels
- Dust pans
- Shop vacs

If you are in need of the donated items, they will be available for pick up at the Gibson City Bible Church.

A MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) will be open on Saturday, August 21st from 10am – 6pm at the Kruse Center located at 207 N Lawrence St., Gibson City. For more information about providing services or resources at this MARC please contact Ford County EMA at 217-379-9415. For a ride to and from MARC on Saturday, please call New Beginnings at 217-784-8673 between 9am-5pm Wednesday-Friday to schedule a time. 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 18th 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 lunch and dinner 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.

The boil order for Gibson City has been lifted.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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Gibson City, Ford County Emergency Management Agency, Ford County Public Health Department, Gibson City Fire Protection District, Gibson City Police Department, The American Red Cross, Team Rubicon, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Incident Management Team, Illinois Emergency Management Assistance Team

