



Saginaw
community foundation

SAGINAW COUNTY LONG-TERM DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP

REMEDIATION MONDAY for August 17, 2020 ACTION ITEMS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY MAY'S FLOODING

CHECK IN

With your neighbors! Please help us make sure the elderly, in particular, are informed so they can get the help they need. Many visited our supply distribution sites saying they came because they heard about the help from neighbors, rather than Facebook or www.reliefsaginaw.org. Even those who think they don't have needs are encouraged to register with FEMA. So, share this information with your neighbors!

FEMA DEADLINE

As of today, 395 Saginaw County households have valid registrations with FEMA under consideration for individual assistance. In Saginaw County, \$1,102,106 has been paid out under FEMA's individual household program.

Remember, **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER WITH FEMA IS SEPTEMBER 8.**

Here's how to apply:

Online: www.DisasterAssistance.gov

Mobile: Download FEMA app

Phone: 800-621-3362 | TTY: 800-462-7585

FEMA funds are distributed in the form of direct deposit or check and can arrive within a few days for those with valid registrations and approved funding. If your registration is deemed "invalid," please read your letter carefully! This is often easily remedied by following through with the requested items.

FLOOD INSURANCE

We estimate about 45% of Saginaw County residents who suffered damage had flood insurance. Homeowners with flood insurance can still apply for FEMA aid for recovery of expenses NOT covered by insurance.

You can find information on the National Flood Insurance Program by going to <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance>.

HOME HEATING

As temperatures drop in the coming months, your furnace will become the most important appliance in your home. If floodwaters reached your furnace or hot water heater, you should have them checked for operating safety NOW by experienced repair personnel before the cold weather arrives. Homeowners who receive a FEMA grant for repairs and later discover their furnace or water heater needs replacing must use the FEMA appeal process for additional grant funds. The homeowner has 60 days to appeal and must submit a letter with a verified contractor's estimate for replacement of the furnace or water heater.



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CONTRACTORS

We are aware that residents are having difficulty finding contractors to complete their home repairs. The Saginaw County Long-Term Disaster Recovery Group is working on building a list of smaller commercial contractors that may be available in the near term. We also encourage homeowners to contact the Home Builders Association of Saginaw, www.hbas.org, (989) 793-1120 as a starting point for finding and selecting a good residential contractor

NEED HELP?

If you would like personalized help navigating the process of accessing federal, state and local dollars for assistance, call long-term recovery case manager Felicia Rose-Barry at (989) 598-3772.

NO COMPUTER?

Our one-stop flood recovery drive-through "center" at Holy Spirit Parish on River Rd. in Thomas Township will open soon. FEMA and SBA representatives will be available to help those who are unable to fill out and submit paperwork virtually.

DO NOT WAIT for this event if you have other means for applying and submitting documents online. **REMEMBER, DEADLINE IS SEPT. 8 FOR FEMA AND SBA.**

UNEMPLOYMENT

Disaster unemployment assistance is available for those in Saginaw County whose employment, self-employment, or unemployment was lost or disrupted by the severe storms and flooding. It is designed, among other things, for those who are unemployed or self-employed and don't qualify for regular unemployment. If you can no longer work because of damage to your place of employment or can't perform work because of a flood-related injury, you are encouraged to apply.

First step: first apply for regular unemployment at www.michigan.gov/UIA. If your claim is denied, then apply for disaster unemployment assistance by immediately filling out the paper application packet at Michigan.gov/UIA or call 1-866-500-0017.

NOT CLEANED UP?

Don't wait any longer! Call 211 and apply to FEMA immediately.

CONNECT WITH US

Follow www.reliefsaginaw.org and Facebook @SaginawCoEM for developing details.

The Saginaw County Long-Term Disaster Recovery Group is comprised of representatives of Saginaw County government, local non-profit agencies, charitable organizations, corporations, and faith-based groups working collaboratively to meet the needs of 600+ families in Saginaw County.

The group's goal is to make sure everyone affected by May's devastating severe storms and flooding is aware of and connected to recovery process details.

For more information, visit www.reliefsaginaw.org, follow us on Facebook @Saginaw COEM, or call 211.