

## Storm Damage Resource Summary

Severe thunderstorms impacted Polk County on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and many residents have reported extensive tree damage, damage to property, and debris. The information below provides useful information.

- Please note that the County does not have funds or equipment to help clear debris on private property. Please contact private contractors to assist with this work. It is possible that Polk County may receive some reimbursement from FEMA at a later date, but this will cover government cost associated with debris removal from public highways and other facilities, rights of way, and cost to dispose of materials at the debris collection sites. If residents have a medical emergency and there is debris blocking access, please call 9-1-1 for assistance.
- The County has established three official debris collection sites that will serve as the primary points to deposit debris:
  - 773 Mains Crossing Ave., Amery, WI
  - Property immediately north of 2193 80th St., Luck, WI.
  - 899 200<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luck, WI
- The DNR is providing personnel and equipment to help the public unload debris until it is determined that they are no longer needed.
- If residents who live along County Trunk Highways are physically unable to make it to the debris sites, they can deposit the debris in the ditch along the right of way (not in the road). Residents who live in other areas should contact their local municipality to see if this is permissible.
- Businesses that have costs associated with storm cleanup may be eligible for a loan program offered by West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Corp (attached)
- We expect more news may be available by the end of July 22 or early July 23, but please stay tuned to the Polk County Sheriff's Office Facebook page for the most current news and resources.

**Storm Resources - Town of Beaver**  
**July 23, 2019**

The Town and our contracted services are working as quickly as possible to clear the roads and road right-of-way and we ask for your patience due to the magnitude of this storm. Thank you to everybody who helped clear roads and checked in on neighbors following Friday nights storm event.

**Please note that property owners are responsible for the clean-up of storm damage on their property outside of the road right-of-way.**

**Debris Disposal Site**

The Town of Beaver has opened the old dump site for the dumping of **shrubs and branches ONLY (no logs or wood chunks)**. This site is located ½ mile north of 1623 50th Street or ¾ mile south of CTH V (watch for signs) . There can be no dumping of construction materials, trash or other materials. If this occurs the site will be closed and residents will be required to use the Polk County debris locations located at 773 Mains Crossing Avenue, Amery WI; 899 200th Avenue, Luck WI and 2193 80th Street, Luck WI. Polk County may add additional sites. Check the Polk County website for updates.

The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility located at 575 10 ½ Avenue, Almena WI 54805 is available to dispose of trash and storm debris other than trees and shrubs. Please call 715-637-6890 for further information.

**Debris Removal Assistance**

The Town of Beaver cannot assist with storm clean-up on private property. There are a number of reputable contractors in the area. Please ask friends and neighbors for referrals. We advise residents to check with their insurance company to verify coverages. Please be cautious, check references and not make pre-payments due to a number of contractors arriving from out of the area. If you feel that you are being scammed, contact the Polk County Sheriff's Department at 715-485-8300.

Residents with unmet needs should call 2-1-1 to be put on a list. Residents must have already contacted their homeowners insurance and know what aid they will be receiving and what work volunteers can do. When calling 2-1-1, residents should immediately tell the operator that they are from Polk County, Wisconsin and are in need of assistance with debris removal.

Volunteer Christian Aid Ministries can also assist with debris cleanup. Call 608-553-0002.

**Volunteers**

If you are interested in assisting with cleanup efforts, please call 2-1-1 for more details.

**Showers & Restrooms**

The Turtle Lake School will be open for showers and restrooms during regular hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the power outage. The Red Cross will be providing water at the school also.

Please check the Polk County website at [www.co.polk.wi.us](http://www.co.polk.wi.us) for updates.

**Again, thank you for your continued patience as we all weather this major storm event together.**

Chair: Ethan Yeske

Supervisors: Sabrina Evenson and Jeremiah Mewes



## Disaster Recovery Microloan Program

### ***Program Description***

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) is the regional administrator of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's Disaster Recovery Microloan Program. The Disaster Recovery Microloan Program works to provide short-term financial assistance to businesses affected by a natural or manmade disaster event.

### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible, a business must:

- Be located within the seven-county region (Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix);
- Have suffered measurable physical or economic losses because of a disaster event;
- Attest to intent to resume business operations in the community as quickly as possible.

### **Eligible activities include:**

- Procurement of cleanup and restoration services
- Operating expenses such as payroll (note: taxes, fines and fees are not eligible)
- Rent/mortgage for temporary space
- Repair and reconstruction (eligible uses could include architecture & engineering costs, equipment/furniture/fixtures)

### ***Finance Terms and Conditions***

- Loan size up to \$15,000
- 0% fixed interest rate
- Loan term is 24 months
- Payment deferral required for 6 months; payments to be made over the remaining 18 months following the deferral period
- Collateral is required
- Unlimited personal guarantees are required for any owner with a 20% or greater ownership interest in the business
- All customary out-of-pocket fees made in connection with the transaction are the applicant's responsibility

### ***Application Procedures***

- Interested businesses submit applications to the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- For more information or to apply, contact:

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