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UPDATE ON FLOOD RESPONSE EFFORTS

Dear Friends,

In my discussions and visits with those hit hardest by the pervasive flooding this past summer, I've been given a fresh reminder of what makes Wisconsin great: the people of this State continue to demonstrate their compassion and determination to support each other in times of need. I have worked hard to connect those hit hardest from this summer's storms and flooding with the appropriate resources that have been made available. While the September 15 deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance has passed, below you will find a helpful guide for those seeking additional information on this issue.



On June 13, 2008, Paul Ryan met with state and local officials to discuss the impact of the floods on the Mukwonago Dam.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Serving Wisconsin's 1st District

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FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR KENOSHA, MILWAUKEE, RACINE, ROCK, WALWORTH AND WAUKESHA COUNTIES

Help was available for individuals who have incurred home or business damage from the storms and flooding that began on June 5, 2008, in **Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha Counties.**

FEMA

- ❖ [Disaster Assistance Info](#)
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Please note that the filing deadline (September 15, 2008) has passed for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance.

[Click here](#) for helpful tips from FEMA on Recovery and Salvage of Damaged Items.

FEMA officials urge all applicants for FEMA assistance to **save any receipts** related to clean up and damage repair. [Please click here to read more.](#)

Are you without flood insurance? Read this [important announcement from FEMA](#) about how to secure coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The deadline for turning in [SBA Economic Injury applications](#) is March 13, 2009.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS): Victims of recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in Wisconsin may qualify for tax relief from the IRS. [Click here for more information.](#)

Assistance from the **U.S. Department of Labor** is available for flooding victims. Please visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/flood-recovery.htm> for further information on Emergency Grants, Employment and Benefits, Cleanup and Recovery, and other flood related information.

The **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** announced that farmland conservation practices and projects that were damaged or destroyed during the recent flooding may be eligible for assistance through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). To view more information regarding the EQIP program visit the [NRCS web site.](#)

The **USDA Rural Development** is willing to provide temporary housing and low interest loans and grants to residents impacted from rural areas. [Click here for more information.](#)

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OTHER HELPFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

For more information about Wisconsin recovery efforts/applications, please visit the following web sites:

- www.fema.gov
- www.floodsmart.gov
- www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance
- <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov> and select flood information.
- Information for disposal or reuse of sandbags can be obtained by contacting a [DNR waste management specialist](#).
- Information on consumer protection, agricultural assistance and food safety for flood victims can be found at <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/flood2008/index.jsp>
- Unfortunately, during such difficult times, flood victims may encounter scam artists and fraudulent contractors who claim to be helping/working in the flood damaged areas. [Please click here for the press release](#) from Wisconsin Emergency Management regarding scam artists and fraudulent contractors.

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