



## Natural Disaster Recovery Information

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On the following pages is information I hope will be of assistance to residents of central and southern Illinois who have been affected by storms and natural disasters. Assistance is available across a wide range of areas and agencies, including non-profits. This is by no means a complete list of all the sources of assistance in our region. There are many other groups assisting in the recovery, including local volunteer organizations who are working so hard to help our communities.

Please note that certain programs and agency assistance may not yet be available but could become so at a later date. If you do contact one of the agencies listed here and are told that help is not yet available, it would be advisable to try again at a later date if some other resolution is not found in the meantime.

I hope that residents of the area will contact me if there is any way in which I can be of assistance after a natural disaster. Please contact Philip Lasseigne at (618) 205-8660 or [Philip.Lasseigne@mail.house.gov](mailto:Philip.Lasseigne@mail.house.gov) for any community needs following a natural disaster. A list of my offices is on the left, and you may e-mail me by clicking "Contact Me" on my web page at [rodneydavis.house.gov](http://rodneydavis.house.gov).

## Disaster Recovery Resources: Federal Declaration

Following a natural disaster, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner can request a Federal Disaster Declaration from the President of the United States. If the President approves Illinois for federal disaster assistance, aid will be available to designated counties from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If approved, our area will have access to FEMA staff in person, on the phone, and on the web. FEMA will establish a Disaster Recovery Center in the area and will have personnel available to see damaged areas first-hand and meet with local residents to assist them with applications for assistance.

A resident of a declared disaster area may also apply for benefits from FEMA by phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., or online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

If the President declares Illinois a disaster area, the news will be announced in local media and on the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). At that time, or shortly after, the locations of the Disaster Recovery Centers will be announced, as well as any other local information about applying for assistance.

Frequently asked FEMA questions can be answered by visiting <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/dafaq.shtm>.

## Disaster Recovery Resources: State & Local

### Local Emergency Management Agency Contacts

<http://www.state.il.us/iema/contacts/contacts.htm>

Bond County:	Mr. Allen Davis	(618) 664-1911	Bond911@sbcglobal.net
Calhoun County:	Mr. Eugene Stumpf	(618) 576-2600	Calhounesdaca@gmail.com
Champaign County:	Mr. John Dwyer	(217) 384-3826	Jdwyer@co.champaign.il.us
Christian County:	Mr. Michael Crews	(217) 824-5421	christiancoema@yahoo.com
Dewitt County:	Ms. Teresa Barnett	(217) 935-7790	tbarnett@dewittcountyill.com
Greene County:	Mr. Cale Hoesman	(217) 942-6901	choesman@greenecountyilsheriff.org
Macoupin County:	Mr. James Pitchford	(217) 854-3352	ema@macoupincountyil.gov
Macon County:	Mr. Jim Root	(217) 424-1327	jroot@maconema.org
Madison County:	Mr. Larry Ringering	(618) 692-0537	llringering@co.madison.il.us
Mclean County:	Mr. Curtis Hawk	(309) 888-5020	curtis.hawk@mcleancountyil.gov
Montgomery County:	Ms. Diana Holmes	(217) 532-9560	mcesda99@yahoo.com
Jersey County:	Mr. Larry Mead	(618) 498-6881	esda@jerseycounty-il.us
Piatt County	Mr. James Donaldson	(217) 762-9482	jsimon@co.adams.il.us
Sangamon County:	Mr. David Butt	(217) 747-5150	davidb@co.sangamon.il.us

### **Community Action Agencies**

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission	(217) 328-3313
Champaign County Economic Development Corporation	(217) 359-6261
Christian County Economic Development Corporation	(217) 287-2580
Dewitt County Development Council	(217) 935-0500
Macoupin County Economic Development	(217) 854-7727
Pittsfield Economic Development Corp. Calhoun County	(217) 285-4484
Jersey County Economic Development Corporation	(618) 498-7500
C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation in Effingham	(217) 342-2913

*Note: This office serves Christian, Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Montgomery, Moultrie and Shelby counties*

BCMw Community Services, Inc. in Centralia (618) 532-7388

*Note: This office serves Bond, Clinton, Marion and Washington counties*

Madison County Community Development in Edwardsville (618) 692-6200

### **Townships**

The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI can provide information on township road conditions as well as status updates on township assistance.) The TOI office in Springfield can be reached at (217) 744-2212, and individual township offices can be found in your local phone book.

### **Municipal**

The Illinois Municipal League can provide information on village/town/city conditions including that of roads, parks and utilities. Their number is (217) 525-1220. You can also find this information by contacting your local city hall.

### **Ready Illinois [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov)**

A wealth of good information about state agencies and programs, post-disaster consumer protection tips, insurance information, public health and flood cleanup.

Specific Information regarding flood clean-up: <http://www.illinois.gov/ready/after/Pages/Disaster-Recovery.aspx>

### **State Treasurer's Disaster Recovery Program [www.treasurer.il.gov/](http://www.treasurer.il.gov/)**

Low-interest loans for residents, business owners and farmers in the disaster area.

### **Insurance**

The Illinois Department of Insurance can provide information on how to reach an insurance provider to report disaster claims. The number is (217) 782-4515.

### **Transportation**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) road closure information may be obtained at <http://dot.state.il.us/road/roadClosures.htm> or by calling (800) 452-4368.

## Disaster Relief Organizations

### American Red Cross

American Red Cross Central Illinois Chapter (309) 667-7272

*Note: This office serves Champaign, Vermillion and Douglas counties*

American Red Cross Mid-Illinois Chapter (217) 428-7758

*Note: This office serves DeWitt, Douglas, Champaign, Macon, and Piatt counties*

American Red Cross Southwestern Illinois Chapter (618) 465-7704

*Note: This office serves Bond and Madison counties.*

**Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund** (309) 674-8730

**Illinois Baptist State Association Disaster Relief** (217) 786-2600

**Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs/ Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team** (630) 701-5344

## Disaster and Recovery Resources: Health & Wellness

### Local Health Departments

Bond County Health Department: (618) 664-1422

Calhoun County Health Department (618) 576-2428

Champaign- Urbana Public Health: (217) 352-7961

Christian County Health Department (217) 824-4113

Dewitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department (217) 762-7911

Greene County Health Department (217) 942-6961

Jersey County Health Department (618) 498-9565

Macon County Health Department (217) 423-6988

Macoupin County Health Department (217) 854-3223

Madison County Health Department (618) 692-8954

McLean County Health Department (309) 888-5450

Montgomery County Health Department (217) 324-3430

Sangamon County Department of Public Health (217) 535-3100

### Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)

If you had to evacuate your home due to a natural disaster, you may still be eligible to continue your WIC benefits and will be in “evacuee” status in the program. Evacuees may not need to present proof of identity, residency, or income that is normally required if these documents were destroyed. For further information, you should contact your local WIC office, or the Illinois office may be reached at 1-800-323-4769.

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

If a Presidential Disaster is declared and the State of Illinois requests and is approved, people already receiving SNAP benefits may temporarily be eligible for additional benefits. Those who may not ordinarily qualify for SNAP may be eligible if they had expenses related to protecting, repairing, or evacuating their homes or if they have lost income as a result of the disaster. To see if you qualify for this assistance in Illinois, please call the DSNAP hotline at 1-800-843-6154.

# Disaster and Recovery Resources: Agriculture

## **Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

If you lost any documents or necessary paperwork from any business conducted with the Farm Service Agency, please contact your local FSA if you need information from your documents.

## **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=ecp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=ecp)

This program is designed to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disaster that triggers new conservation problems that if left untreated would “impair or endanger the land; materially affect the land’s productive capacity; represent unusual damage which, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area; and be so costly to repair the Federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.”

## **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=lip](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=lip)

The livestock Indemnity Program is administered through FSA. The program is designed to provide benefits to livestock producers for deaths in livestock, in excess of normal mortality, due to adverse weather conditions. Animals must have been maintained for commercial use as part of the farming operation on the date of death.

## **Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, & Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=elap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=elap)

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, honeybees, & Farm-raised Fish program is designed to specifically cover losses not covered under the Livestock Indemnity Program or Livestock Forage Program. Examples of items that could be covered are eligible grazing loss or loss of feed. Producers must file claims with their local FSA office within 30 days of loss.

## **Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=nap)

The noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program is available to producers growing a crop not eligible for coverage under other crop insurance programs.

## **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=sure](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=sure)

To be eligible for SURE you must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance through the Federal crop Insurance Corporation. You must sign-up for this program during the announced period each year at your local FSA Office.

## **Tree Assistance Program (TAP)**

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=tap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=tap)

The USDA FSA Tree Assistance Program provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers suffering qualifying tree, bush, or vine losses in excess of 15 percent. You must have already obtained a policy or plan of insurance through either the Federal crop Insurance Act of the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

### Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

[www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=efrp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=efrp)

The USDA Emergency Forest Restoration Program provides payments to eligible owners of non-industrial private forestland in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land with damage caused by a natural disaster.

### Risk Management Agency

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/>

If your crop insurance documents were destroyed due to the tornado, please contact your agent to obtain your information. To file a claim with your policy through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, please contact your local agent.

### Disaster and Recovery Resources: Military & Veterans

Veterans with questions about VA benefits should call 1-800-827-1000. Regarding health issues, veterans may contact their regional Medical Center or Community-Based Outpatient Clinic:

VA Medical Centers	VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics
1900 E. Main St. Danville, IL 61832 (217) 554-3000	5850 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Suite A Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 529-5046
915 North Grand Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 652-4100	3035 E. Mound Rd. Decatur, IL (217) 875-2670

### Replacement Headstones and Markers

Headstones and markers previously furnished by the government may be replaced at government expense if badly deteriorated, illegible, stolen, or vandalized during floods.

For guidance on obtaining a replacement headstone or marker, you may call the Memorial Programs Service Applicant Assistance Unit between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-697-6947.

### Military Records destroyed by tornados or if you need replacement for another reason:

If you are a veteran or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran, you may now use [vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov) to order a copy of your military records.

For all others, your request is made by sending Standard Form 180 to the National Archives National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138

(314) 801-0850  
Email: [MPR.center@nara.gov](mailto:MPR.center@nara.gov)  
Website: [www.archives.gov/st-louis](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

# Disaster and Recovery Resources: SS, Medicare, IRS, SBA

## Social Security Administration

To replace a lost or damaged card call the national toll-free number: 1-800-772-1213

Local Offices:

<p>501 Belle Street, Suite 103 Alton, IL 62002 855-285-6006</p> <p><i>Serving: Bond, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin and Madison counties</i></p>	<p>207 N Williamsburg Drive Bloomington, IL 61704 877-405-4640</p> <p><i>Serving: Dewitt and McLean counties</i></p>	<p>101 South Country Fair Drive Champaign, IL 61821 877-819-2593</p> <p><i>Serving: Champaign County</i></p>
<p>606 West Pershing Road Decatur, IL 62526 888-619-4773</p> <p><i>Serving: Macon and Piatt counties</i></p>	<p>Room 104 Federal Building 650 Missouri Avenue East Saint Louis, IL 62201 877-700-4849</p> <p><i>Serving: Madison County</i></p>	<p>1107 West Ferdon Litchfield, IL 62056 877-319-3077</p> <p><i>Serving: Bond, Calhoun, Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery and Sangamon counties</i></p>
<p>3112 Constitution Drive Springfield, IL 62704 877-279-9504</p> <p><i>Serving: Christian and Sangamon counties</i></p>		

## Medicare

To replace a lost or damaged Medicare card, beneficiaries and family members may call their local Social Security Administration office. Beneficiaries can also call 1-800-MEDICARE for questions about their benefits.

## IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Business

Special tax law provisions may help taxpayers and businesses recover financially from the impact of a disaster, especially when the federal government declares their location to be a major disaster area. Depending on the circumstances, the IRS may grant additional time to file returns and pay taxes. Both individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area can get a faster refund by claiming losses related to the disaster on the tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an amend return.

The IRS also offers audio presentations in Planning for Disaster. These presentations discuss business continuity planning, insurance coverage, record keeping and other tips to stay in business after a major disaster.

Reconstructing records after a disaster may be essential for tax purposes, getting federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. Records that you need to prove your loss may have been damaged or destroyed in a casualty. For helpful tips in reconstructing your records, there is a handy checklist that covers personal residence/real property, vehicles, personal property, and business records. (<http://goo.gl/E0z5v>)

**For IRS assistance and additional information, use these resources:**

IRS Disaster Assistance Hotline at 1-866-562-5227 (Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time).

IRS Publication 2194, Disaster Losses Kit for Individuals.

IRS Publication 2194-B, Disaster Losses Kit for Businesses.

IRS Publication 584, Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook- this can help individuals make a list of stolen or damaged personal- use property and figure the loss on the one's home and its contents and one's motor vehicles.

IRS Publication 584-B, Business Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook—this is available to help businesses list stolen or damaged business or income-producing property to figure the loss.

**Small Business**

The Small business Administration (SBA) has a disaster claims and assistance center in Atlanta. The Center may be reached by calling 404-331-0333. The SBA offers very low interest loans after a natural or man-made disaster.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) offers some additional Disaster assistance and resources. DCEO's number is (217) 782-7500.

## Disaster and Recovery Resources: Housing

People needing to rent housing may get assistance from HUD's National Housing Locator System. This data base provides information on available housing by location {in the immediate area, within the region, or elsewhere nationally}; number of bedrooms needed; and rent levels. HUD staff and participating public housing agencies will assist disaster victims in obtaining information on available rental units.

For individuals personally affected by a disaster and requiring permanent housing assistance, HUD offers:

**Section 203(h) of the National Housing Act**

Under this special mortgage insurance program, individuals or families whose residence was destroyed or damaged to such an extent that reconstruction or replacement is necessary are eligible for 100 percent financing. Insured mortgages may be used to finance the purchase or reconstruction of a one-family home that will be the principal residence of the homeowner. Section 203(h) offers features that make homeownership easier-

- No down payment is required.
- The borrower is eligible for 100 percent financing.

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- Closing costs and prepaid expenses must be paid by the borrower in cash or paid through premium pricing or by the seller, subject to a six percent limitation on seller concessions.
- Some fees are limited. Loan origination fee may not exceed one percent.

Eligible Participants: FHA-approved lending institutions, such as banks and mortgage companies are eligible for Section 203(h) insurance.

Application: The Borrower's application for mortgage insurance must be submitted to the lender within one year of the President's disaster declaration.

Applications are made through an FHA-approved lending institution.

### **Section 203(k) of the National Housing Act**

Under this mortgage insurance program, homebuyers may borrow funds from lenders, to purchase or refinance a house that also requires repair, rehabilitation, or modernization. A portion of the loan proceeds is used to pay the seller, or, if a refinance, to pay off the existing mortgage. The cost of the rehabilitation must be at least \$5,000, but the total value of the property must still fall within the FHA mortgage limit for the area. Section 203(k) borrowers do not pay an upfront mortgage premium.

Eligible Participants: FHA-approved lending institutions, such as banks and mortgage companies.

Eligible Customers: All persons who can make monthly mortgage payments.

### **Section 203(k) Streamline Program**

The Limited Repair Program permits homebuyers to finance an additional \$35,000 into their existing mortgage to improve or upgrade their home before move-in.

### **Property Improvement Loan Insurance (Title I)**

The Title I program insures loans for up to 20 years, to finance the light or moderate rehabilitation of properties, as well as the construction of non-residential buildings on the property. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000 (for single family or non-residential buildings, and \$12,000 per family unit, not to exceed a total of \$60,000 for a multifamily structure. These are fixed-rate loans whose interest rates are not subsidized by HUD.

Eligible Lenders: Only lenders approved by HUD specifically for this program can make loans covered by Title I Insurance.

Application: Applications must be submitted to a Title I approved lender.

### **HUD Real Estate Owned (REO) Properties**

HUD sells single family homes that it has foreclosed on. People interested in buying a HUD-home in their general area must contact a real estate sales professional who is authorized to sell HUD homes (most are). Your sales professional will submit a bid for you. For properties outside of a prospective buyer's area, consult the HUD website: <http://www.hud.gov/homes/>. A real estate sales professional is still needed to offer a bid on any property.

**Public Housing** <http://goo.gl/jJScV>

People displaced by a disaster may find temporary or permanent housing in vacant properties owned by public housing authorities (PHA). Disaster victims must be income eligible (low income) and PHAs must be willing to give up priority to disaster victims. HUD Disaster Volunteers may locate vacant PHA units using the National Housing Locator System.

**Home Repair Loans from USDA** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/il>

Funds can be used for a wide range of problems, such as repairing or replacing a leaking roof, installing central heating and air conditioning, replacing windows or siding. Loans can also be used for improvements to plumbing, electrical, flooring, foundation repairs and more.

The maximum loan limit for an individual applicant is \$20,000. Loans have a one-percent interest rate and are available to cover the cost of eligible repairs. Loans can be repaid over a period of up to 20 years.

A low-cost loan allows the homeowner to make multiple repairs and keeps payments affordable. For example, a loan of \$5,000 over 20 years would cost the homeowner about \$23.00 a month.

Homeowners with very low income, based on the county in which they live, can apply. For example, a two-member household with an adjusted gross income of \$21,850 would be eligible in most of the counties that we serve. Applicants must be the owner of the single family dwelling, occupy the home, able to repay the loan and have an acceptable credit history.

Grants may be available to homeowners 62 or older with very low income and without the ability to repay a loan. Grant funds are limited but may be used to remove health and safety hazards or to remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities. Grants have a life-time limit of \$7,500. These grants are often combined with loans to increase the amount available for repairs.

More information about Rural Development's 504 repair loan program is available by a local USDA service center:

<p>Champaign Area Office USDA Service Center 2110 West Park Court, Suite A Champaign, IL 61821 (217) 352-3536 <i>Serving: Champaign, Dewitt, Macon and Piatt counties</i></p>	<p>Effingham Area Office USDA Service Center 2701 South Banker, Suite 103A Effingham, IL 62401 (217) 347-7107 ext. 4 <i>Serving: Montgomery county</i></p>	<p>Jacksonville Area Office USDA Service Center 1904 W Lafayette Avenue Jacksonville, IL 62650 (217) 243-1535 <i>Serving: Calhoun, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin and Sangamon counties</i></p>
<p>Mt. Vernon Area Office USDA Service Center 221 Withers Drive Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 (618) 244-0773 ext. 4 <i>Serving: Bond and Madison counties</i></p>	<p>Pontiac Area Office USDA Service Center 1510 W Reynolds Street Pontiac, IL 61764 (815) 844-6127 <i>Serving: McLean county</i></p>	