



INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Report #8 – August Wisconsin Flooding

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Recovery efforts continue in communities across Wisconsin, following recent storms that have caused widespread flooding in many parts of the state and generated at least two tornadoes on Tuesday evening. The tornadoes, which touched down in southwest Fond du Lac County near Brandon and north of Kiel near the Calumet and Manitowoc County lines, downed trees and power lines, while also damaging multiple buildings. No injuries were reported.

Governor Scott Walker on Wednesday declared a State of Emergency for all of Wisconsin, which directs state agencies to assist local governments in their response to the flooding and allows the Wisconsin National Guard to be called to active duty by the adjutant general if requested. The governor on Wednesday viewed storm damage in western Wisconsin, taking an aerial tour of the region and visiting several communities hit by flooding.

Several parts of the state have experienced torrential rainfalls in the past two weeks with some areas receiving more than 14 inches of rain. This has caused lake levels to rise in Dane County and pushed portions of the Kickapoo and Baraboo rivers to record levels. An additional half inch of rain could fall on parts of the state late Thursday night.

Private property owners should report flood and storm damage by calling 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. Make sure to document damage by taking pictures and speak with your insurance agent. Multiple resources designed to help residents with their recovery efforts is being posted online at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/flooding/AUG2018.asp>

Several roads throughout the state remain closed due to standing water or because of damage caused by flooding. Drivers are urged to check 511wi.gov for current road closure information. If drivers encounter a closed route or standing water on a roadway, turn around and find another route. Do not drive around barricades or through water.

Adams County

Multiple roads are closed in the southern portion of Adams County, mainly in the Town of New Haven, due to heavy rains and flooding. Approximately 1,900 customers were without power in the county. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

Bayfield County

Trees were reported down in several areas throughout the county, with branches and leaves visible on many roadways. No road closures are currently reported.

Brown County

Heavy rainfall on Tuesday caused street flooding in Green Bay.

Calumet County

Nearly a dozen homes near the City of New Holstein received damage during Tuesday's storm. Calumet County and the City of New Holstein have both declared a state of emergency.

Dane County

Multiple residences have been evacuated and several roads remain closed in the county. A shelter is open at Madison West High School. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county, and the Dane County Emergency Operations Center was activated. There has been one confirmed fatality of a missing person. Officials continue to monitor lake levels.

Dunn County

Downed trees are being removed and power lines are being repaired in an area south of State Highway 170.

Fond du Lac County

Approximately 6,650 customers in the county were without power. There is also localized flooding on some streets in the city of Fond du Lac. Two barns in the county collapsed, killing approximately 100 cattle. A shelter is open at Brandon Elementary School in the village of Brandon. The National Weather Service has concluded a probable EF-1 tornado touched down near the village of Brandon late Tuesday. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county, and the Fond du Lac County Emergency Operations Center was activated.

Green Lake County

Minor damage to a barn and some silos have been reported from a tornado touchdown. Approximately 420 customers in the county were without power.

Iron County

Multiple reports of trees down and water over roadways in the northern half of the county.

Jackson County

Strong winds damaged multiple residences and knocked down trees in the town of Cleveland.

Jefferson County

Approximately 130 residences were without power and several trees are down in the area.

Juneau County

Multiple roads in the county are closed due to flooding. A shelter is open at Elroy Elementary School. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

La Crosse County

Flash flooding was reported in several areas of the county. Numerous homes were evacuated, and multiple roads closed. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

Lincoln County

Some roadways in the county remain blocked, and there are reports of down trees and power lines. Approximately 100 residences were without power.

Manitowoc County

The National Weather Service has confirmed an EF-1 tornado touched down near the Calumet/Manitowoc County Line, destroying a barn and uprooting several trees.

Marquette County

Heavy rainfall led to flash flooding in parts of the county, causing multiple road closures. Multiple homes were without power. A flood warning remains in effect for Marquette County. A shelter is open at Montello School.

Monroe County

Multiple residents have been evacuated from their homes as a precaution for potential flooding. Numerous trees are down over roadways causing multiple road closures. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

Ozaukee County

Multiple roads are closed in the county due to flooding, and a flood warning remains in effect. Multiple homes were without power. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

Richland County

Multiple residences were evacuated in the Village of Viola as the Kickapoo River reached a record high level. Multiple roads in the county are also closed due to flooding. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county and the Richland County Emergency Operations Center was activated.

Rock County

The county has staged sandbags and continues to monitor water levels on the Rock River.

Vernon County

Multiple roads are closed due to flooding. The Kickapoo River continues to rise, leading to multiple evacuations, and some dams have been compromised. Several homes were without power. A shelter is open at Westby High School in the city of Westby. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county, and the Vernon County Emergency Operations Center was activated.

Washington County

Several trees, poles and wires were down throughout the county. Approximately 900 customers were without power in the county. A State of Emergency has been declared in the county.

Waukesha County

Approximately 150 customers were without power, and several wires and trees are down.

Winnebago County

Several streets were flooded from Green Bay to Neenah. A flood warning remains in effect for the county.

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated. The state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local emergency responders as requested.