



INCIDENT REPORT

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Incident Report #10 – July 2019 Statewide severe weather incident
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SUMMARY

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor and support debris removal operations still underway in the state, following powerful storms that swept through portions of the state July 19-20 and on July 28. These storms produced at least 17 tornadoes and straight-line winds in multiple counties. Significant cleanup efforts continue in Langlade, Polk, and Barron counties.

Governor Tony Evers met with storm victims today in Barron County. He was joined by Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, Wisconsin's adjutant general, Dr. Darrell Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator, and Department of Natural Resources Secretary, Preston Cole. They also met with county and local officials to discuss recovery efforts.

Multiple state agencies have staff and other resources out in the field assisting with local recovery efforts, including the Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Corrections.

The state continues to work with county and tribal partners to collect damage estimates. Residents are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211 to report damage done to private property. Property owners can also contact 2-1-1 for information on volunteer assistance that may be available in their area.

LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS OPEN

Barron and Langlade counties

Oconto County opened a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) Tuesday at the Mountain Community Center (13412 Hwy 32 & 63, Mountain, WI). The Center will be open again Wednesday (July 31) from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Several counties declared a State of Emergency in response to the storm damage, including Clark, Langlade, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Polk, Portage, Sawyer, and Vernon counties. In addition to counties, several communities in the affected areas have issued local disaster declarations.

ESTIMATED PUBLIC DAMAGES

The estimate for public sector cost associated with the storm is about \$9 million. This number is preliminary and has not been validated. Many counties have not yet reported any of their costs to the state, and these numbers are expected to fluctuate as cleanup and assessment efforts continue. Most of the costs incurred so far are for emergency protective measures and debris removal.

ESTIMATED PRIVATE DAMAGES

Damage assessments continue. Residents in affected counties are encouraged to document their damage and report the information to the state's 2-1-1 service by calling 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211.

STATE AGENCY RESPONSE

Wisconsin National Guard

The Wisconsin National Guard has debris clearance teams supporting efforts in Polk, Barron, and Langlade counties.

WI Department of Administration

DOA has disaster recovery assistance available to local units of government for housing rehabilitation, public facility/infrastructure repair, and business assistance utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Application information for the Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) can be found at the following link - <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Emergency-Assistance-Program-.aspx>

WI Department of Corrections

The DOC has strike teams made up of DOC staff and inmates assisting with debris removal operations.

WI Department of Natural Resources

The DNR completed operations in Barron County the evening of July 27, and in Polk County July 28. The agency is still assisting with clean-up efforts in Langlade County.

VOLUNTEER AGENCY (VOAD) RESPONSE

2-1-1 Wisconsin

2-1-1 Wisconsin is collecting damage reports and referring callers to available disaster resources. To date, they have received more than 1,100 calls. Residents can also report damage online at: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/damagereport>

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The National Weather Service does not predict any severe weather in Wisconsin during the next 72 hours.