



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## **KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN JOSEPH CLARK DECLARES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR ALL OF KENOSHA COUNTY**

“Due to the recent heavy rains that have caused sporadic flooding throughout Kenosha County, a Local State of Emergency is in effect for all of Kenosha County,” stated Joseph Clark, Kenosha County Board Chairman.

“Starting late Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday evening June 19<sup>th</sup>, over 5 inches of rain fell over parts of Kenosha County, with the heaviest rains occurring the evening of June 19<sup>th</sup>,” said Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management. “During the late afternoon of June 19<sup>th</sup>, a Tornado Warning was issued for all of Kenosha County during which time an EF0 Tornado briefly touched down in the Town of Somers at 5:42 p.m. and dissipated at 5:44 p.m., causing damage to trees. To the south, downburst winds caused damage in the Village of Pleasant Prairie and the City of Kenosha.”

All residents with storm or flood damages are asked to call Kenosha County Emergency Management’s Damage Hotline at 262-605-7926, to report their flood/storm damages. This information will be utilized for a Damage Report that will be sent to WI Emergency Management to determine what resources and assistance is available to Kenosha County residents.

Residents with contaminated wells from floodwaters should have their wells tested before resuming use of their water. Floodwaters can contain bacteria and waste contaminants that threaten water supplies. Kenosha County Division of Health is making free well test kits available to residents whose wells have been contaminated by flood waters. The free well test kits are available from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Kenosha County Division of Health, Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Road, Suite 600, Kenosha,
- Kenosha County Department of Human Services/Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development, Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol.

Residents in need of Flood Cleanup Kits can pick them up at:

- Bristol Town Hall, 19801 83<sup>rd</sup> Street

- Salem Town Hall, 9814 Antioch Road (Highway 83)
- Village of Pleasant Prairie Fire Station, 8044 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Residents who are in need of temporary shelter can contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-236-8680