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Thunderstorms overnight brought additional damage to southern Wisconsin. Several counties have reports of downed trees, power lines and heavy rain. So far there have been no reports of serious injuries or fatalities as a result of the storms since Friday. Currently there are approximately 20,000 customers without power. Most of the outages are reported in Waushara and Outagamie Counties.

The National Weather Service is reporting that there remains a slight risk for more severe weather this afternoon and evening across southern Wisconsin. This may include thunderstorms, strong winds, isolated tornadoes, hail and heavy rains. In addition, many areas may see heavy rains throughout the day and there is a concern for flash flooding.

Debris cleanup and power restorations continue across areas that were impacted from yesterday's storms. Utility companies have made great progress in repairing lines and getting power back. WE Energies reported this morning that their crews have been able to restore power to more than 21,000 customers in the Fox Valley since the storms rolled through Friday morning. However, utility companies are advising some areas could be without power until Sunday or Monday.

Here is the current update:

East Central Wisconsin - Power restoration and debris removal remains the focus in the East Central region. Brown, Calumet and Winnebago Counties report most of the power has been restored. Damage reported has been primarily downed trees and power lines.

Outagamie County - Last night, both Outagamie County and the City of Appleton signed local state of emergency proclamations. Utility crews have been working steady to restore power. However, damage to a major line could cause some areas to be without power throughout the weekend. Approximately 12,000 customers in the Fox Valley are without power, with a majority from the Appleton area. A reception center was opened last night and this morning at the Kaukauna High School. Only a handful of people went there to charge cell phones, etc. The County Emergency Operations Center remains partially opened and may transfer to a monitoring status later today. The City of Appleton EOC remains open.

Waushara County - Officials estimate about 5,000 customers are without power. The Red Cross has opened meal sites in Wautoma, Saxeville, and Plainfield where people can receive meals. They anticipate providing meals to 300-400 people.

Marquette County: The overnight storms caused additional power outages. Utilities anticipate power should be restored by Sunday. A few homes sustained minor damage.

Waupaca County - Debris cleanup continues this morning. Roads that were blocked should be opened today.

Southwest Wisconsin - Overnight storms caused some minor outages and downed trees. As of noon, Madison had about 500 customers still without power. About a thousand customers remain without power this morning in Adams County.

Iowa County: Officials report numerous trees and power lines down. A roof was blown off a building south of Dodgeville. There are reports of crop damage as corn fields apparently have been blown flat. A small grain bin was blown over. Road crews continue to remove debris.

Vernon County: The Coon Valley and Stoddard areas were hit by yesterday's storm. About a thousand customers remain without power. There was roof damage to one business. In addition, there is widespread crop damage. The Red Cross opened a shelter last night in LaCrosse for those impacted by power outages in the area, but was closed after midnight when no one needed assistance.

Southeast Wisconsin: Scattered power outages and downed trees were reported this morning. Washington County reported numerous downed trees in the town of Erin in the southwest corner of the county. No structural damage reported.

West Central Wisconsin: Lightning struck a home in Trempealeau County and started a fire. The occupants of the home are staying with family and no further word on the extent of damage. Most of the power has been restored in LaCrosse County.

WEM continues to monitor the situation. WEM has staff in Outagamie and Waushara counties providing assistance. There has been no request for state resources.