



# Situation Report

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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**TO: Governor Walker**

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**RE: Situation Report #4 on Severe Weather**

Heavy weekend rains have caused several rivers and creeks to rise in southern Wisconsin. Jackson, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, Waushara, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties are all under a flood warning. On Sunday, several areas received more than two inches of rain. The National Weather Service reported that Milwaukee set a new daily record for precipitation with a total of 2.45 inches.

This week, there is a chance for two additional systems to move across Wisconsin. The first system will cause afternoon showers on Tuesday. However, the storms are expected to bring less than an inch of rain. Here is the latest update of storm damage from the past 5 days:

**Green Lake County** - As of 9:00 a.m., the flood stage on the Fox River at Berlin was at 14.17 feet. Flood stage is 13 feet. The river is expected to crest Wednesday morning between 14.6-15.2 feet which could cause moderate flooding. Green Lake County Emergency Management officials report they began filling sand bags yesterday and placing them in the downtown area. Sand bags are also available to residents. Green Lake County Sheriff's Department and the City of Berlin have been notifying residents of the potential flood threat. There have been no evacuations or shelters open, however the Red Cross is monitoring the situation and provided over 100 meals yesterday to volunteers filling sand bags. In addition, the Red Cross has prepositioned flood clean up kits in Berlin.

**Winnebago County** - Winnebago County Emergency Management Director was in Eureka and Omro to assess the potential Fox River flood situation. Traditionally, flooding in that area occurs two days after flooding in Berlin. The City of Omro is also monitoring the situation and has provided sand bags to Eureka as well.

Clean up continues from last week's heavy rain that caused flash flooding in the Oshkosh area. Roughly 100 homeowners contacted area insurance companies regarding flood damage. The Red Cross has provided 40 flood clean up kits to flood victims.

In addition, flooding was reported at Hoffmaster, Inc. in the manufacturing area and offices. Two other businesses in the Ohio and Knapp Street areas also had flooding. Lightning is being blamed for causing a barn fire in Utica that killed 13 horses.

**Marquette County** – Marquette County Emergency Management reports minor issues as a result of the high water levels along the Fox River. Emergency management is setting up a sand bag location in the City of Montello to assist residents.

**Waushara County** – The Waushara County Emergency Management Director has been monitoring the area that is vulnerable to flooding from the Fox River and has been in contact with area residents. So far, only one structure may be impacted.

**Trempealeau County** - Clean up continued throughout the weekend in the community of Blair following last week's storm. Classes resumed today at the Blair-Taylor Elementary and High Schools after being closed for two days due to roof damage caused by the storm. School officials are concerned that rain leaking through the roof may also caused damage to the gym floor.

**Juneau County** – A communications tower in Juneau County was struck by lightning on Sunday. Clark County Emergency Management assisted with mutual aid by providing a mobile tower to the Juneau County site.

**Outagamie County** - Weiler Road in the town of Buchanan is closed due to flood waters and damage.

**Milwaukee County** - Classes were cancelled today at St. Thomas More High School because of a flooded basement. School workers are cleaning up the water from Sunday's storms. A home in Franklin was hit by lightning.

**Black River** - The Black River is rising in Trempealeau and Jackson Counties but it is expected to cause only minor problems.

No severe weather is expected the next few days. No specific requests for assistance have been made of the State. Wisconsin Emergency Management does have roughly 500,000 sand bags located at multiple sites and are ready if needed. WEM will continue to monitor the situation.

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