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**WAUKESHA COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPEN**

Waukesha, WIS. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will open a Disaster Recovery Center at the Waukesha County Highway Operations building today at 1 p.m. in partnership with the Small Business Administration, Wisconsin Emergency Management and Waukesha County. The site will be open on Friday, June 27 from 1 to 7 p.m. and seven days a week thereafter from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

The DRC is set up to help individuals and business owners who are registered for disaster assistance by answering their questions and providing them with information on FEMA disaster programs. Customer service representatives from the SBA will be present to help explain its disaster loan program to homeowners, renters and business owners.

The following resources unique to Waukesha County's DRC will also be available:

- Public Health: Free adult tetanus shots and flood cleanup information
- Environmental Health: Distribution and collection of private well water test kits
- Economic Support: FoodShare enrollment for flood victims (July 1 deadline)
- Public Computer Terminals: Access to FEMA's website for online registration purposes
- Free Salvation Army and Red Cross Flood kits

Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas says, "I would like to thank FEMA for providing Waukesha County with a Disaster Recovery Center. Our site is a one stop shop for flood victims with resources not usually found in these centers. We encourage the public to come to the Highway Operations building to meet with FEMA and Small Business Administration staff and to obtain a variety of county services all in one location."

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## **“Waukesha County Disaster Recovery Center Open” continued...**

Anyone affected by flooding is urged either to call FEMA’s toll-free helpline, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), to start the registration process (individuals with speech or hearing impairments can call TTY-1-800-462-7585) or register online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Both registration services are operational 24 hours a day.

The Highway Operations building is located at 1641 Woodburn Road, Waukesha. Public parking is available in front of the building and signage will direct people to the appropriate entrance.

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