



# Juneau County Emergency Management

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### FEMA Approves Individual and Public Assistance for Juneau County Residents Following April 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Flooding / Tornado

On Friday afternoon, Juneau County was notified it is included in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Wisconsin. As a result, eligible individuals and households in Juneau County can now apply for FEMA Individual Assistance, which provides financial and direct services to help recover from disaster-related losses.

Juneau County Board Chair, James Cauley released the following statement, "First we need to thank all the volunteers, First Responders and local governments with their ability to overcome this powerful storm that hit Juneau County. We are thankful, no lives were lost and no one was injured. The recovery phase from any incident is the longest period of the process. We want to encourage those who were affected by the Flooding and Tornado from April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup> to follow the FEMA assistance application process to receive the help they need."

FEMA's Individual Assistance Program provides direct support to eligible individuals and families who have suffered disaster-related losses. In addition, FEMA's Public Assistance Program helps reimburse eligible government agencies and certain nonprofit organizations for emergency work, protective measures, debris removal, and the repair or replacement of damaged public infrastructure.

"With the federal disaster declaration now approved for the April storms, Juneau County can move forward with much-needed federal support to help local governments, homeowners, and businesses recover from the damage", said Jeremy Bonikowske, Juneau County Emergency Management Director. "This is an important step in helping our communities recover, and we remain committed to ensuring every impacted area receives the assistance it needs to rebuild stronger."

A Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) will be established soon in Juneau County with resources and information. Renters and homeowners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency; (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362). Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or other similar service, can give FEMA the number for that service.

The deadline to apply for Individual Assistance is **Aug. 31, 2026**.

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## When applying for assistance, make sure:

- Your damaged home is your primary residence.
- You haven't received assistance for the same losses from another source, including Insurance
- You are able to be reached by FEMA at the contact information you provide in the application.

## What information you need to provide when applying:

- Your contact information, including email address.
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.
- Your social security number.
- Annual household income
- A general list of damage and losses.
- Banking information, if you choose direct deposit.
- If insured, your policy number or the agent and/or company name.

## For help with your application or to apply by phone, call the FEMA Helpline:

- 1-800-621-3362
- If you use a video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone (CTS), or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

## If you disagree with FEMA's decision, you may appeal:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- In person at a Disaster Recovery Centers, which will be announced in coming days.
- Or by mail or fax.

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## Further Inquires;

- Media inquiries on individual assistance, when FEMA will be arriving, or anything tied to the federal processes be sent to the FEMA Region 5 News Desk: 312-408-4455 or [fema-r5-news-desk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r5-news-desk@fema.dhs.gov).
- Media questions related to what the state is doing, please connect with [dmawempio@widma.gov](mailto:dmawempio@widma.gov).

For more information on the disaster assistance process, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or visit the site's Frequently Asked Questions page at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/help/faqs>.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bonikowske'.

Jeremy Bonikowske  
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