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## **MILWAUKEE RESIDENTS MAY QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE UNDER FEMA DISASTER DECLARATION**

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett in conjunction with the City's Department of Homeland Security continues to offer assistance to Milwaukee residents affected by the recent flooding. Earlier this week, Milwaukee County was included among a number of Wisconsin counties placed under a federal disaster declaration.

With this declaration, residents affected by the disaster may qualify for financial assistance in the form of grants and low interest loans under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual and Households Program. Local businesses with storm damage may qualify for assistance from the Small Business Administration disaster program.

A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center will be established in the City of Milwaukee in the coming days. However, individuals and businesses should register now with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

"Many residents throughout Milwaukee have been affected by the recent flooding," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "This declaration by the federal government will make assistance available for home repair, sanitary cleanup, essential living expenses and other items. I encourage residents to contact FEMA to register their damages."

Even if residents have already reported damage with the City or County, they must register with FEMA to be considered for public assistance. Once registered, FEMA will contact residents regarding their claims.

More information about FEMA and a link to the website where residents can register their damages can be found on the City's website at [www.milwaukee.gov](http://www.milwaukee.gov).