

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Agency

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Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County Storm Damage

Immediately following the late afternoon storm on Friday, City of Council Bluffs Public Works and Parks Department crews and contractors responded and were on the streets. Initial efforts were to remove tree debris blocking streets and placing temporary stop signs at intersections with inoperable traffic signals. By late Friday evening all streets were passable.

The Council Bluffs Recycling Center, 4441 Gifford Rd, opened Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for residents to drop off tree debris. The facility has seen very heavy use. The facility will be open Monday, June 30th through Thursday, July 3rd between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If residents are unable to drop off tree debris at the recycling center, they may place the debris between the curb and the sidewalk. To expedite the process, debris should be cut to lengths no greater than six feet. City Public Works and Parks Department crews with private contractors assisting will begin curb side tree debris removal on Sunday and will continue through Thursday, July 3rd. At that time the situation will be evaluated for the need to continue that effort.

To report damage to private property, residents of Council Bluffs may call 328-4601. This number will be available Monday, June 30th through Thursday, July 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Residents of the unincorporated areas of Pottawattamie County and cities other than Council Bluffs may report damage to private property by calling 328-5777 or 328-5778 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

All citizens of Pottawattamie County and any city therein, including Council Bluffs, with access to a computer may report their damage on-line at the Pottawattamie County website www.pottcounty.com; click on the "Disaster Assistance" link to register your information. Damage to business property should also be registered at the website.

It is imperative that any citizens sustaining damage as a result of the severe weather events starting on May 25th or after report their damage on-line or by phone.

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