

# Urgent News Release #1

## Richland County Emergency Management

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### **RICHLAND COUNTY IMPACTED BY FLASH FLOODING**

*Richland County, WI:* Richland County Emergency Management states areas of Richland County have been greatly affected by nine inches of rain in the last 24 hours; causing both Richland County and The City of Richland Center to declare a state of emergency. Many roads are closed and more will continue to close as more rain falls and the water levels continue to rise. Public safety officials do not encourage people to travel unless absolutely necessary. No dollar amount is available for damages at this time.

Individuals may call (608) 649-5766 to obtain information about road closures and alternative routes.

Individuals who have suffered damage to their primary resident and wish to report it may call (608) 649-5767. Richland County Public Health in coordination with the American Red Cross is obtaining flood clean-up kits; a limited number are currently available at the community center in Richland Center at 1050 North Orange Street, Richland Center, WI, 53581. More flood clean-up kits have been requested for distribution, Richland County Public Health will announce when they have arrived for public distribution. The Wisconsin

Flood Tool Kit is on the county website at <http://co.richland.wi.us>. The website provides valuable information and resources.

Individuals who have questions regarding wells or any other flood concerns may call (608) 649-5752 to speak to the public health representative in the Emergency Operation Center.

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