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Bulk Distribution Sites Open In Southern Wisconsin

American Red Cross Provides Communities with Clean-up Supplies

Madison, WI., June 15, 2008 – Central distribution points for enhanced clean-up materials will begin in a number of Wisconsin communities on Monday. With the arrival of several semi-trailers of shovels, rakes, gloves and more vital cleaning materials, and the subsequent unloading of goods into large rental trucks and Emergency Response Vehicles, bulk distribution centers will open at noon today. Throughout the past week, Red Cross clean-up kits have been distributed around affected counties via mobile services.

With nearly 400-trained Red Cross staffers and volunteers working throughout the holiday weekend, the distribution centers will open ahead of schedule. “Strike-teams” have been working around the state to identify and distribute vital immediate needs for thousands affected by the flood waters throughout southern Wisconsin.

Distribution centers will distribute items such as rakes, shovels, towels, masks, gloves, sun screen, bug repellent, hand sanitizer, bottled water, comfort kits, and more dependant on the local need. “Having walked into villages and homes around Wisconsin this past weekend, we know residents are digging in to clean-up as soon as possible. That’s why we’ve expedited services as well. Our goal is to provide as many services as possible as soon as the flood waters recede,” stated Jeffery Biggs, a public information officer whom has traveled from Alabama to assist with flood relief efforts.

Bulk Distribution Site Locations: (Subject to change in the coming days)

Crawford, Grant and Richland Counties

North Crawford High School
47050 County Road X
Soldiers Grove

Sauk, Juneau and Iowa Counties

Baraboo County Highway Building
Intersection of Hwy 136 & 12
Baraboo

Monroe County

Kendall Village Hall
219 East South Railroad Street

Vernon County

Ontario Fire Department
303 East “B” Street

La Farge High School
301 West Adams Street

Viola Methodist Church
404 North Commercial Street

De Soto Community Center
Highway 35

In addition, Red Cross services can be requested by calling 866-GET-INFO. For tips and other vital information about cleaning-up flood damage, can be found in the book "*Repairing Your Flooded Home*" written by the Red Cross and FEMA. To find a free copy, log-onto www.redcrossinsewis.org.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the Midwest Tornadoes and Floods by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster please do so at the time of your donation. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.