



Monroe County Emergency Management

Bloomington, Indiana

May 16th Tornado Recovery Update as of May 22nd with Debris Disposal Information

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MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA – On May 16th, at approximately 7:30 pm, the western and south-central parts of Monroe County were struck by an EF-2 tornado and high winds, causing the loss of homes, buildings, and property to our residents. A local disaster declaration has been signed by the Board of Commissioners and is active.

Debris Cleanup and Disposal

Residents affected by this storm are responsible for their own debris cleanup. There will be 3 locations identified within the tornado path where there will be 2 dumpsters per site. 1 dumpster for yard/tree waste and the other for home debris. Those will only be available for a period of 2 weeks which will start on Friday, May 23rd and end on Friday, June 6th. A 4th site is available at the Monroe County Debris Management Site located at 7740 North Fish Road, Bloomington, IN 47408, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday – Friday. Only take trees and vegetation debris to this location.

Do not drag your debris to the roads edge as Monroe County is not responsible for the removal of private property debris.

One set of dumpsters will be located between Elwren and Harmony Road. A second set of dumpsters will be located near the area of E. Jackson Creek Drive and S. Sandpiper Drive. A third set of dumpsters will be located at the Lighthouse Christian Academy by 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday, May 24th.

Red Cross Assistance and Case Management

American Red Cross will be out in the field and assisting those impacted at their current location. They will no longer be at the church. If you are in need of assistance from the Red Cross, you can call the hotline at 1-800-733-2767 at any time.

Volunteering

Due to the damage and current hazardous conditions, please don't spontaneously volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering to support our community's recovery efforts, please sign up through the Bloomington Volunteer Network (BVN) at <https://www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/>

Sign up with “MoCOAD Members and On-Call Volunteers”; You will be contacted when volunteer operations are ready to commence.

Debris Cleanup Assistance

The Southern Baptist Disaster Relief of Indiana is offering assistance to our residents affected by this weather event. If you would like to request storm cleanup assistance, please fill out the following form:

<https://monroecounty99.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/mcemgroup/EQAvIMoow9GsvirRzQuAflBus8haFSckAsLISHd-NIJMg?e=9FBQXu>.

If you are unable to fill out the form or have any questions, please feel free to request assistance by calling 574-780-5157 or emailing dennysmithpbc@gmail.com. This is a free debris cleanup assistance service provided by the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief of Indiana. Their work crews wear yellow shirts and their crew leaders wear blue shirts.

Storm Relief Supplies Available for Pick up

There are still a limited supply of tarps and totes that are available. If you are in need of tarps or totes, you can request them by calling the Emergency Management Office at 812-349-2533. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail.

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