



## Monroe County Emergency Management

Bloomington, Indiana

### **May 16<sup>th</sup> Tornado Recovery Update as of May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 end on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. A 4th site is available by appointment only at 7740 North Fish Road, Bloomington, IN 47408. Residents can call the Monroe County Waste Reduction District at 812-349-2020 to schedule an appointment to drop off your tree and vegetation debris.

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 is located at the Lighthouse Christian Academy.

#### **Red Cross Assistance and Case Management**

The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for case management in Monroe County.

Monroe County residents who were impacted by the tornado can go to the American Red Cross Office that is located at 441 S College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47403, to apply. The location will be open to the public during the following hours: 11 AM-6 PM on the weekend, 12 PM-7 PM on the weekdays.

Residents are asked to bring an ID and proof of address (electric bill, lease, car registration, etc., if the address on the ID differs from the one listed).

#### **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.

**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.

**US Small Business Administration and State Disaster Relief Fund Assistance**

The United States Small Business Administration has declared a disaster assistance declaration for Monroe County and surrounding counties. This declaration will open up low-interest and long-term loans to help businesses, homeowners, and renters to recover from the May 16th tornado. A Disaster Loan Outreach Center will be located in Monroe County, where residents who were impacted can come and apply for assistance from both the Small Business Administration and the State Disaster Relief Fund. More information will be provided about the location and hours of this outreach center as it becomes available.

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