



PRESS release

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Summit County in State of Emergency

City helps residents clean up basements and stay cool

After what has been described as a 1,000 year storm, Summit County declared the area in a State of Emergency. So far, Akron has received 386 calls for service due to flooding and the calls keep coming in. We want people to know there is help available.

The Mayor has directed that service department employees from all divisions assist with the massive cleanup necessitated by the storm. Over 386 residents have reported flooding in their homes and the number is climbing. Residents can call 311 to report basement flooding and sewer backups. City crews will come assess the situation and where necessary, assist with cleanup.

“We are doing everything we can to assist residents with flooded basements,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “We are utilizing all the City manpower available, and are seeking additional manpower from the State. Our current crews are already working from 8 a.m.-

8 p.m. to help our residents cleanup their flooded basements and intend to keep the long hours until the situation is resolved.”

Akron residents can also put out their storm debris on the curb for trash pickup. The crews will be making rounds starting tomorrow. Calling 311 will speed up the process, but if crews see the debris, they will pick it up. Otherwise, it will be picked up on normal trash pickup day. There is no need to request a special trash pickup and there will be no extra fees for this debris pickup.

Those displaced by the storm can seek assistance at the Reimer Community Learning Center Shelter at 2370 Manchester Road, Akron. This shelter and cooling station will be equipped with Red Cross staff, volunteers, and medical personnel. The shelter will be open 24/7 as long as there remains a need for these Red Cross services for flooding victims. The shelter was used last night by people displaced because of the storm.

All 11 of Akron’s community centers will be open from 9-9 TODAY for anyone who wants to get out of the heat. All community centers are equipped with staff and cold water. Six of those cooling stations will be open from 9 to 9 tomorrow and Friday. They are: Ed Davis, Patterson, Ellet, Kenmore, Firestone and Lawton. The remaining five community centers will be open from 9-5. Residents are encouraged to seek out these places if you are need of a place to cool off.

Additionally, Akron Metro Bus will help to provide transportation to the shelter and cooling stations. Call 330-762-0341 if you need transportation to these places.