



Monroe County Emergency Management
Bloomington, Indiana
May 16th Tornado Recovery Updates

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MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA – Several Monroe County residents were impacted by a strong storm and tornado that caused a lot of widespread damage. Monroe County officials and first responders are currently working to provide for residents who are in need of immediate life-safety needs. The following is some helpful information to help residents and businesses to start the recovery process:

Current Power Outages

Duke Energy is reporting 838 outages, and UDWI REMC is reporting approximately 600 current outages as of May 17 at 12:40 PM. Power continues to be restored by both electrical companies. Please be patient, as there was a lot of damage to the infrastructure throughout the county.

Sheltering

The American Red Cross continues to host a shelter at the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, 2700 E. Rogers. For the shelter, please enter through door 4 of the church. If anyone is in need of assistance from the Red Cross, they can call the hotline on 1-800-733-2767 at any time.

Reporting Storm Damage

Residents are encouraged to report any residential or structural damage by using Indiana 211. Individuals can visit in211.org & click on DAMAGE REPORTING to submit a report. Those without access to the internet can dial 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966.

If you received damage to your house from the May 16 storm, please submit a report.

Debris Cleanup

Property owners with storm-damaged trees and vegetation debris are welcome to take the debris to the Monroe County Debris Management Site that is located at 7740 North Fish Road, Bloomington, IN 47408, starting **Monday, May 19th, at 9:00 AM**. Please only take trees and vegetation debris to this location. County officials are working on developing a plan for house debris, household appliances, and other debris. An update will be provided through another press release once all of the immediate needs of residents have been met.

Monroe County agencies are starting to work with nonprofit disaster relief agencies to arrange cleanup teams to help residents who are in need of assistance with storm debris cleanup.

Volunteering

Due to the damage and current hazardous conditions, please don't spontaneously volunteer at this time.

Our office will help coordinate volunteer opportunities soon once everything is safe. Please monitor the local Monroe County and community agencies for updates on this. An additional press release will be sent out with information and instructions on how you can volunteer in the near future.

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