



# DISASTER RECOVERY FACT SHEET

## STATE OF MINNESOTA DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

The resources listed here describe some of the programs and policies offered by the various Minnesota state agencies to assist disaster victims in their recovery and reconstruction efforts. These programs exist whether or not federal assistance is offered. For more information or to find out about other assistance programs – contact the agency directly for more information.

## BUSINESSES AND DISPLACED OR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

### **Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)**

Businesses and displaced or unemployed workers can get recovery information from DEED. Read more about disaster recovery in this [fact sheet from DEED](#) or [visit their website for more information](#).

## HOUSING REPAIR AND REBUILDING

### **Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)**

The MHFA has a variety of housing repair and assistance programs that may assist in disaster recovery. Contact the agency for further information.

- [Quick Start](#)
- [Rehabilitation Loan Program](#)
- [Fix-up Fund Loans](#)
- [Rental Property Assistance](#)

## REPAIR CONTRACTING AND SCAMS

### **Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)**

- [Learn how to avoid scams and contractor problems \(Fact Sheet\)](#)
- [Important information on flood recovery and home rebuilding from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry](#)



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## INSURANCE CLAIM HELP

### Minnesota Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce Consumer Response Team (CRT) is ready to help consumers resolve insurance claims in the event of a natural disaster.

Insurance experts at the CRT can help Minnesotans understand their rights, work with your insurer to settle a claim, and help storm victims make informed insurance decisions after a flood or storm damages your home, auto, or property.

[Home Insurance Claims](#) — University of Minnesota Extension

## HOME HEATING AND FURNACE REPAIRS

### Minnesota Department of Commerce

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program can provide help with getting home heating systems replaced or repaired or assistance to qualified applicants who need financial assistance as a result of disasters.

[Visit the Energy Assistance website for more information.](#)

## WELLS AND SEPTIC TANK TESTING

### Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

The Minnesota Department of Health has established a [webpage for information about flood recovery](#) related to the northeastern Minnesota flooding.

## ENVIRONMENT, HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND WASTE

Floods can create environmental problems if precautions are not taken to minimize pollution and health risks. [Follow this link to get information](#) from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on what residents in flood affected areas can do to protect their businesses, homes and families from environmental problems caused by floods.

## HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND ARTIFACTS

### Minnesota Historical Society

Many historic places and artifacts - both public and private - have been impacted by the recent flooding. Check these links for disaster recovery Information for historic resources and artifacts

[Disaster Response and Recovery Resources](#)



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Other Disaster Information and Resources for Historic Sites

## HELP FOR VETERANS

As a result of recent flooding and storms, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is offering Disaster Relief Grants for reimbursable expenses to Veterans in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Dakota, Goodhue, Lake, Rice, and St. Louis Counties.

Veterans and their families should contact their respective County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) to apply for a Disaster Relief Grant, or call 1-888-LINKVET (546-5838) for assistance finding the location and phone number of their CVSO.

## LOCAL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Check these local websites for the latest local disaster recovery and assistance information

- [City of Duluth](#)
- [Carlton County](#)
- [St. Louis County](#)
- [Aitkin County](#)
- [Pine County](#)
- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

## FAMILY RECOVERY

### University of Minnesota Extension

**AnswerLine** — Answers basic household questions around disaster recovery like how to clean up mold and prepare food safely. Also gives referrals to University of Minnesota Extension Educators who can guide you through financial decisions related to disaster recovery. From Minnesota call 1-800-854-1678 (hours: 9 a.m.–noon and 1 p.m.–4 p.m., Monday through Friday) or [email](#).

**Crisis Connection** — Crisis counseling hotline for anyone calling from a Minnesota area code. Call them with your concerns at 866-379-6363.

Families in Tough Times: [Stress, Children, Finances](#)

After the Disaster – [Family Financial Toolkit](#)