

State of Minnesota
Disaster Assistance by Agency

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State Disaster Recovery Centers

SDRCs offer representatives from state and local agencies and provide recovery information and resources for local residences and business owners who have suffered losses due to flooding. Complete information on the state's disaster assistance efforts can be found at www.MinnesotaRecovers.org.

Dates:

Friday, July 6 through Monday, July 9, 2012

Hours of Operation:

Friday, July 6 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday, July 9 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Locations:

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center SDRC
350 Harbor Drive
Duluth, MN 55802

Barnum High School SDRC
3675 County Road 140
Barnum, MN 55707

Willow River School SDRC
8142 Pine Street
Willow River, MN 55795

Department of Agriculture

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture offers the following recovery and assistance programs for farmers impacted by natural disasters. Information about these programs can be accessed online at www.mda.state.mn.us.

- **Minnesota Farmers Assistance Network (MFAN):** Includes a telephone helpline that can connect farm families with a variety of resources to address their needs. MFAN volunteers are experts who help farmers assess their needs and access a range of services. There is no charge for the MFAN service. Farmers can contact the program by calling 1-877-898-MFAN (6326).
- **Farm Advocate Program:** Provides one-on-one assistance for Minnesota farmers who face crisis caused by either a natural disaster or financial problems. Farm advocates are trained and experienced in disaster programs, agricultural lending practices, mediation, lender negotiation, farm programs, and crisis counseling. There is no fee for use of the Farm Advocate Program. Farmers can access the program by calling 218-268-4472.
- **Rural Finance Authority:** Offers loan programs through a network of cooperating local banks and lending institutions. RFA financing can be used to help clean up, repair or replace farm structures and septic and water systems, as well as replace seed, other crop inputs, feed, and livestock when damaged by floods and not covered by insurance. Farmers can contact with the program by calling 1-800-366-8927. Programs of use during flood recovery include:
 - **Disaster Recovery Loan Program:** Can be used to help clean up, repair, or replace farm structures and septic and water systems, as well as replace seed, other crop inputs, feed, and livestock, when damaged by high winds, hail, tornado, floods, or excessive rainfall; and
 - **Livestock Expansion Loan Program:** Provides funding to pay for improvements to livestock operations.

In addition to the programs above, MDA has several divisions whose mission includes helping farmers and other farm businesses recover from floods. The list includes:

- **Agricultural Marketing and Development Division:** The Livestock Development Team offers one-on-one assistance to affected producers.
- **Dairy and Food Inspection Division:** Provides technical assistance and inspection/regulatory guidance to dairy farms and to food retail and processing businesses impacted by floods and other natural disasters.
- **Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division:** Helps assess damage to agricultural chemical facilities, helps link these businesses to first responders and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and provides technical guidance to these facilities during recovery. The division also supports hazardous waste disposal, taking a lead in disposing of waste pesticides impacted by the floods.

Board of Water and Soil Resources

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts coordinate water and soil damage assessments on private lands. Individuals in need of an assessment should contact their local soil and water conservation office or an agency contact listed below.

Local Contacts:

Aitkin County SWCD: Steven Hughes, 218-927-6565, hughes.aitkinswcd@gmail.com

Carlton County SWCD: Brad Matlack, 218-384-3891, bradmatlack@carltonswcd.org

Cook County SWCD: Kerrie Fabius, 218-387-3649, kerrie.fabius@co.cook.mn.us

Crow Wing County SWCD: Melissa Barrick, 218-828-6197,
melissa.barrick@co.crow-wing.mn.us

Dakota County SWCD: Brian Watson, 651-480-7778, brian.watson@co.dakota.mn.us

Goodhue County SWCD: Glen Robertson, 651-923-5286, groberson@goodhueswcd.org

Kandiyohi County SWCD: Richard Reimer, 320-235-3906, rick.reimer@mn.nacdnet.net

Lake County SWCD: Jennifer Thiemann, 218-834-8370,
jennifer.theimann@co.lake.mn.us

Meeker County SWCD: Joe Norman, 320-693-7287, joseph.norman@mn.nacdnet.net

Pine County SWCD: Jill Carlier, 320-216-4241, jill.carlier@co.pine.mn.us

Rice County SWCD: Steven Pahs, 507-332-5408, steven.pahs@mn.nacdnet.net

Sibley County SWCD: Loren Evenson, 507-237-5435, loren.evenson@sibleyswcd.org

St. Louis North SWCD: Paul Ojanen, 218-749-2004, resources@nslswcd.org

St. Louis South SWCD: R.C. (Russell) Boheim, 218-723-4629,
r.boheim@southstlouisswcd.org

Agency Contacts:

NE MN Counties: Ryan Hughes, 218-723-4923 (office); 218-525-4939 (cell);
ryan.hughes@state.mn.us

SE MN Counties: Mary Kells, 507-206-2890 (office); 507-273-7338 (cell);
mary.kells@state.mn.us

General: Wayne Zellmer, 651-297-7361 (office), wayne.zellmer@state.mn.us

Engineer: Al Kean, 651-297-2907 (office), 651-245-6531 (cell), al.kean@state.mn.us

Department of Commerce

The Minnesota Department of Commerce offers the following recovery and assistance programs for individuals and communities impacted by natural disasters. Information about these programs can be accessed online at www.commerce.state.mn.us.

- **Consumer Response Team (CRT):** Available to help consumers with 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. The CRT representatives can be reached by phone at 651-296-2488, 800-657-3602 in Greater Minnesota, or by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us.
- **Damage to Furnaces and Water Heaters:** Following severe weather or flooding, the Department of Commerce has resources available to provide certain repair services to income eligible households. Available services for income eligible households (200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines) may include:
 - Primary heating system replacements and repairs, including ductwork and venting, flue or chimney repairs;
 - Water heater replacement or repair, including venting and flue work; and
 - Furnace repair or replacement.

These services are considered for homes affected by a disaster only after all private insurance, FEMA, and other disaster-related resources have been utilized. In addition, qualifying households must be located in a designated disaster area and be directly affected by the disaster. Individuals interested in learning more about these resources should contact their local service provider or contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Information Center by phone at 800-657-3710 or by email at energy.info@state.mn.us.

- **Disaster Information Center:** The Disaster Information Center is designed specifically for Minnesota consumers in an effort to help individuals more easily review their insurance needs and respond appropriately after a disaster. The website important information and resources that all Minnesotans should know and understand ahead of the upcoming storm season. The Disaster Center includes consumer information in the following areas:
 - **Insurance Coverage:** If a disaster strikes, do you have the proper insurance coverage? Learn what is covered and what isn't in case of a storm or flood.
 - **Contacting Your Insurer:** Who to call at your insurance company after a natural disaster.
 - **The Claims Process:** If you have suffered a loss to your home or property, this section contains questions you should ask and things you should know before filing a claim.
 - **Home Inventory:** Make sure your possessions are fully protected by documenting them with a home inventory. Do you have an Android® or iPhone®? If so, there is a free home inventory app for your personal mobile device.

- **Renters Insurance:** If a tornado or flood destroys your apartment complex your landlord's insurance won't cover your family's possessions. Renters insurance protects your personal property against damage or loss.
- **Flood Insurance:** As the second largest natural disaster, floods are widespread and can cause much more than property damage. Without proper insurance, flooding can cause severe personal and financial losses. Learn more about flood coverage.
- **Auto Damage:** From severe weather to icy road conditions, Minnesotans are no stranger to auto damage. Get all your questions answered about proper auto coverage and how to file an auto insurance claim.
- **Public Adjusters:** What Minnesota consumers should know before doing business with a public adjuster.
- **Rebuilding After a Disaster:** Consumer tips about insurance, mortgages, and construction after a disaster hits your property.
- **Working with Contractors:** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) reminds homeowners to do some homework before hiring a building contractor after a storm.
- **Disaster Finances 101:** Keeping your finances in order after a natural disaster damages your property and possessions.
- **Knowing Your Rights:** Learn what your insurance company must and cannot do when you file an insurance claim after a disaster.
- **We Can Help:** Contact our Consumer Response Team (CRT) to help answer your insurance questions, expedite your claims, and file complaints.

Department of Corrections

The Minnesota Department of Corrections Emergency Management Team, a member of the State's Emergency Operations Plan, provides work crews to assist cleanup efforts communities impacted by natural disasters.

- **Sentence to Serve (STS):** STS crews can help with basic cleanup and labor activities. Contact Ron Solheid, Director, Sentence to Serve program, for requests to use a STS crew by calling 651-361-7123.
- **State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC):** Communities can visit the SEOC to make a request for assistance. Contact Cari Gerlicher, Director, Department of Corrections Emergency Management at 651-642-0419 or Ron Solheid at 651-361-7123.
- **Minnesota Correctional Facility–Moose Lake and Willow River Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP):** These two programs have mutual aid agreements in place with the City of Moose Lake, the Moose Lake Fire District, Carlton County, and the Sturgeon Lake Fire Department to provide emergency services to each other. Contact Warden Becky Dooley at 218-485-5125 with questions regarding CIP work crews.

Agency Contacts:

Cari Gerlicher, Director, Department of Corrections Emergency Management Director,
651-642-0419.

Ron Solheid, Director, Sentence to Serve, 651-361-7123

Warden Becky Dooley, Minnesota Correctional Facility–Moose Lake, 218-485-5125

Department of Employment and Economic Development

The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) provides resources for unemployed workers and affected businesses in communities impacted by natural disasters. For more information visit <http://www.positivelyminnesota.com>.

Resources for Unemployed Individuals

- **WorkForce Centers:** DEED WorkForce Centers offer assistance to individuals who are seeking employment. WorkForce Centers provide access to computers, the Internet, printers, and other technology for job-search related activities. They also offer a variety of workshops on resume writing, interviewing, and much more. WorkForce Centers in the flood-affected areas are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.
 - **Brainerd WorkForce Center**
204 Laurel Street, Suite 21, Brainerd
Telephone: 218-828-2450; TTY: 218-855-5030
 - **Clouquet WorkForce Center**
Carlton County Government Center, 14 N 11th St., Cloquet
Telephone: 218-878-5000; TTY: Minnesota Relay 711
 - **Duluth WorkForce Center**
320 W 2nd Street, Suite 205, Duluth
Telephone: 218-723-4730; TTY: Minnesota Relay 711
 - **Mora WorkForce Center**
903 Forest Avenue East, Mora
Telephone: 320-679-6484; TTY: 320-679-6494
- **MinnesotaWorks.Net:** The State's free online job bank for employment in Minnesota. Job seekers can post their resumes and search for jobs. For more information visit www.MinnesotaWorks.net.
- **Unemployment Insurance:** If an individual is unemployed because of a natural disaster, they may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Apply online at www.uimn.org or by phone at 1-877-898-9090.

Resources for Affected Businesses

- **Disaster Impact Survey:** The Disaster Impact Survey helps state government make a preliminary damage assessment. Information collected is used to assist communities and businesses in the recovery. **It is not an application for disaster aid or assistance.** If your business has been affected by recent flooding, please complete the state's Disaster Impact Survey online at <http://goo.gl/0y28o>. For additional information about the business (and nonprofit organization) survey and other business resources as they become available, contact Heather Rand, DEED Business & Community Development, at 218-723-4610 or toll free 1888-345-4528.
- **Small Business Development Centers (SBDC):** SBDCs provide counseling to small businesses on a variety of business needs at no cost. In the wake of a disaster, SBDCs will work with small businesses to help them tap into federal and regional loan programs by assisting the businesses with the required paperwork and procedures. Assistance with updating marketing and other business planning is also provided. More information is

also available at www.PositivelyMinnesota.com/sbdc. SBDC offices in in the flood-affected area include:

- **NE Minnesota SBDC**
UMD – Center for Economic Development
11 E. Superior Street, Suite 210, Duluth
Phone 218-726-7298 or Toll Free 1888-387-4594
www.umdced.com
- **East Central Minnesota SBDC**
Center City College SBDC
501 W College Drive, Brainerd
Phone 218-855-8140
www.clcmn.edu/smallbusiness
- **Northland Foundation Emergency Grants:** A Business Flood Recovery Fund has been established to assist northeastern Minnesota businesses affected by the June flooding. These dollars will be allocated as grants to businesses in the Northland Foundation's seven-county service region. Grants up to \$5,000 will focus on the replacement or reconditioning of tangible assets including inventory, machinery/equipment/furniture, supplies, and building and site repair. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with the goal of providing a response within two to four weeks. The final grant application deadline is September 14, 2012. Funds are limited and applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Erik Torch, Grant Program Manager, Northland Foundation, 218.723.4040 or Erik@NorthlandFdn.org. More details and the application form are available at www.northlandfdn.org. In order to eligible for consideration, businesses must meet these criteria:
 - Must have been impacted by the June 20, 2012 flood;
 - Affirm the intention to remain open or reopen in or near the impacted community;
 - Demonstrate need for financial support;
 - Complete DEED's Disaster Impact Survey and registered with FEMA or local emergency management services;
 - Access available insurance; and
 - Request support that does not duplicate other disaster recovery funding received.

Community Assistance

- **Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA):** After a disaster, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Health, and other partner agencies work to protect the integrity of public drinking water and wastewater systems and assist communities in getting the systems operational to protect the public health. PFA will work with the appropriate funding and regulatory agencies to coordinate any funds appropriated by the legislature for the repair or replacement of damaged drinking water or wastewater infrastructure with existing funding for long-term improvements. More information is available at www.PositivelyMinnesota.com/pfa. For information about Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake, Pine, St. Louis Counties, contact Nancy Johnson at 651.259.7467, 800.657.3858, or nancy.lc.johnson@state.mn.us.
- **Small Cities Development Program (SCDP):** SCDP provides funding for housing and community development activities to alleviate urgent community development needs

caused by natural disasters. SCDP works with state and local officials to assist communities with necessary financial resources, depending on the availability of funding. Planning and administrative support to implement recovery activities is also included. For information about Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake, and Pine Counties (St. Louis County is not eligible for the Small Cities Development Program), contact Patrick Armon at 651-259-7455, 800-657-3858, or Patrick.Armon@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Minnesota Housing provides resources for homeowners and renters in communities impacted by natural disasters.

- **HousingLink:** HousingLink is an online resource for people who have been displaced and are seeking affordable rental units in their communities. HousingLink will have vacancy listings starting on Wednesday, July 4. More information can be found at www.HousingLink.org.
- **Disaster Recovery Centers:** Minnesota Housing representatives will be available at the Disaster Recovery Centers in Duluth, Barnum, and Willow River. More information on the Disaster Recovery Centers is available on page 2.

Department of Human Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services administers most of the State's major assistance programs, all of which have specific income and asset requirements. These services include health care, long-term care, disability services, economic assistance, family planning, emergency help (non-disaster), food assistance, child care assistance, and cancer treatment. Individuals can also submit their application materials online via ApplyMN:

<https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov/online-app-web/spring/public/process-login?execution=e1s1>.

Individuals can also access Bridge to Benefits, an online eligibility screening tool at http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/start_screening.html.

- **Senior LinkAge Line:** The Senior LinkAge Line, a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, is a one-stop shop for Minnesota seniors. To access the Senior LinkAge line call 800-333-2433.
- **Disability LinkAge Line:** The Disability LinkAge Line is a statewide information and referral line for people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and their representatives. To access the Disability LinkAge Line call 866-333-2466.
- **MinnesotaHelp.info:** MinnesotaHelp.info, a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, provides online information about a range of community resources. To access this website visit www.MinnesotaHelp.info.
- **Sign Language Interpreter Referral:** 877-456-7589 voice/TTY or www.interpreterreferral.org.

County Social Services:

Aitken: 218-927-7200
Carlton: 218-879-4583
Cook: 218-387-3620
Crow Wing: 218-824-1260
Lake: 218-834-8400
Pine: 320-216-4100 or 1-800-450-7263
St. Louis: 218-726-2000 (Duluth);
218-749-7100 (Virginia);
218-365-8210 (Ely); and
218-262-6000 (Hibbing)

Tribal Social Services:

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: 218-879-4593
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: 218-475-2453
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: 320-532-4354

Department of Labor and Industry

- **Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD):** Provides inspections and assessments on buildings in response to natural disasters. Inspections and assessments are performed by qualified CCLD building officials and may include assistance from the department's structural engineer and inspectors for electrical, elevator, and manufactured structures. CCLD services include:
 - Inspecting and providing damage assessments for state-owned facilities, all building types as requested by local officials in code administered jurisdictions, and all building types as requested by county and other local officials in non-code administered areas of the state;
 - Evaluating and approving newly located manufactured housing units for temporary housing; and
 - Providing on-site licensing verification for all types of construction contractors.
- **Municipal Inspectors and Permit Technicians:** A list of additional municipal inspectors and permit technicians is also available to units of government requesting assistance. For more information visit <http://www.dli.mn.gov/cclid/disaster.asp>.

Agency Contacts:

Doug Nord, Supervisor, Regional Services, 651-284-5838, doug.nord@state.mn.us
Mike Fricke, Building Code Representative, 651-284-5841 mike.fricke@state.mn.us
Chris Meier, Building Code Representative, 651-284-5865 chris.meier@state.mn.us

Department of Natural Resources

- **Ecological and Water Resources:** Provides assistance including streamflow monitoring for emergency planning and disaster response, accelerated emergency permitting for repair of essential infrastructure, technical assistance and information related to flood response, before, during and after flooding events, floodplain ordinance administration assistance and disaster recovery coordination with federal, state and local units of government and tribes, dam safety and emergency action plan coordination, capture of post-flood highwater level information, and natural resource impact assessments. For more information contact Mike Peloquin, Local Hydrologist, at 218-327-4417.
- **Enforcement:** Provides assistance for emergency response, search and rescue, protection of state assets. For more information contact Mike Scott, Duluth Area Supervisor, at 218-729-9675.
- **Parks and Trails:** Provides assistance to get recreation infrastructure back in service, including parks, trails, water accesses, and fishing piers. For more information contact Paul Maurer, Regional Supervisor, at 218-327-4388.
- **Forestry:** Provides for management of the forest road system by repairing impacted roads and technical assistance. For more information contact Craig Schmid, Regional Supervisor, 218-999-2836.

Pollution Control Agency

The Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) provides a number of duties in response to a natural disaster, as specified in the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP). More information on MPCA disaster response activities is available on the MPCA's web page titled, "Toolbox for Local Units of Government Recovering from a Natural Disaster" located at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-and-cleanup/cleanup-programs-and-topics/cleanup-programs/emergency-response/toolbox-for-local-units-of-government-recovering-from-a-natural-disaster.html>.

- Provides advice, guidance and assistance to wastewater operators to avoid bypasses when possible, deal with power outages and lift pump failures, excess flows, and treatment system problems caused by flooding;
- Assists local officials in planning and conducting efficient debris collection and disposal.
- Responds to and providing advice to citizens and businesses that experience leaking fuel oil tanks and oil/chemical spills. MPCA's petroleum remediation program will assist and oversee cleanups of basements that have become contaminated with oil from floated fuel oil tanks. Tank owners and operators are eligible for up to 90 percent reimbursement of cleanup costs through the Department of Commerce.
- Provides guidance and assistance to homeowners with problems from hazardous household materials and directions on how those products can be collected for disposal;
- Provides guidance on mud and sandbag management and disposal.
- Provides advice and information on what to do with a flooded septic system. Getting those systems back into efficient operation after the flood waters have receded.
- Provides guidance for special precautions for cleaning up flood-damaged buildings that may have contained asbestos materials;
- Provides guidance and flexibility in meeting construction storm water permit application requirements in the recover areas.

Agency Contact

Statewide Duty Officer, 651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798. Ask to speak to a member of the Emergency Response Team.

Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety, through the Homeland Security & Emergency Management division (HSEM) coordinates the overall state government response to natural disasters and human-caused incidents. In doing so, HSEM is in close contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Minnesota state agencies, and local units of government. HSEM provides a number of services in response to a natural disaster.

- **State Disaster Recovery Centers (SDRC):** SDRCs offer representatives from state and local agencies and provide recovery information and resources for local residences and business owners who have suffered losses due to flooding. Three SDRCs will be open between July 6 and July 9. SDRC hours of operation will be Friday, July 6 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Saturday through Sunday, July 7-9 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 - **Duluth Entertainment Convention Center SDRC**
350 Harbor Drive
Duluth, MN 55802
 - **Barnum High School SDRC**
3675 County Road 140
Barnum, MN 55707
 - **Willow River School SDRC**
8142 Pine Street
Willow River, MN 55795
- **MinnesotaRecovers.org:** Minnesota Recovers is the State's comprehensive response and recovery website. The Minnesota Recovers website contains a wealth of information from various agencies and many links to additional helpful resources, including local ones, as well as the procedures for citizens to report personal flood losses. Other local resources including county emergency managers and city, county, or Tribal personnel (contact info for all of these, as well as HSEM personnel, can be found through the Minnesota Recovers site). For more information visit (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/minnesota-recovers/Pages/june-2012-flooding.aspx>).

Agency Contacts

State Emergency Operations Center, 651-201-7477

Statewide Duty Officer, 651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798. Ask to speak to a member of the Emergency Response Team.

Department of Transportation

- **State Aid Finance Unit (SAFU):** Assists local governments in completing pay requests to receive funding. The SAFU website includes a Disaster Funding Guide that provides information on how local governments can account for costs incurred in a natural disaster. For more information visit http://www.dot.state.mn.us/safinance/saf_references/fema_reference_information.html.
- **State Aid Federal Aid Unit:** Assists local state aid agencies with federal emergency relief reimbursements for emergency repairs and federal authorization for permanent repairs resulting from flood damage on federally eligible roads.

Agency Contacts:

Walter Leu, District State Aid Engineer, 218-725-2705, walter.leu@state.mn.us
Duane Hill, District Engineer, 218-725-2704, duane.hill@state.mn.us

Department of Revenue

- Additional time to file or pay taxes without incurring penalties or interest:**
 Taxpayers in disaster areas filing monthly returns for sales and use tax or other business related taxes have additional time to file or pay taxes without incurring penalties or interest. No late payment or late filing penalties or interest will be assessed against returns and payments due between June 20 and August 30, 2012 if taxpayers file on or before August 30, 2012. This affects businesses or individuals located in specific ZIP codes in St. Louis and Carleton Counties. Additional areas could be added at a later time. For information on tax relief for disaster and destroyed properties, please visit our website: http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/local_gov/prop_tax_admin/Pages/disaster.aspx.
- Property Tax Credits and Abatements for property taxpayers in impacted areas:**
 The Department of Revenue provides tax relief through homestead disaster credits and local option relief available for large-scale disaster situations or more isolated cases of destruction. For more information on disaster credits or abatements: Contact your local county assessor.

The following types of property tax relief for owners of damaged or destroyed property are available:

- **Local-option disaster abatements** for taxes payable in the year of the disaster or destruction;
- **Homestead disaster credit** for taxes payable the year following the disaster (relating to the assessment year in which the disaster occurred); and
- **Local-option disaster credit** for taxes payable the year following the disaster or destruction (relating to the assessment year in which the disaster or destruction occurred).

To be considered located in a disaster emergency area:

- 1.) the President of the United States, the US Secretary of Agriculture, or the administrator of the Small Business Administration has determined that a disaster exists pursuant to federal law; or a local emergency has been declared; AND
- 2.) an application has been made by the local unit of government to the State of Minnesota requesting property tax relief and the application has been approved by the State Executive Council.

Property located IN a Disaster or Emergency Area	Property NOT located in a Disaster or Emergency Area
Homestead Disaster Credits, Local-Option Abatements, and Local-Option Disaster Credits are not prorated by the number of months the structure is unusable. Destroyed or damaged properties receive a credit or abatement for a full year of the tax difference between the Jan. 2 value and reassessed value.	Local-Option Abatements and Local-Option Credits are prorated for damaged or destroyed properties based on the number of full months the structures are unusable.
Homestead Disaster Credits are reimbursed by the state.	N/A

Local-Option Abatements and Local-Option Credits granted by the county board **are reimbursed** by the state.

Local-Option Abatements and Local-Option Credits granted by the county board **are not reimbursed** by the state.

- **Federal Assistance:** For information on the latest federal tax relief available and disaster loss kits for individuals and businesses, visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at www.irs.gov and search for “disaster assistance.”

Agency Contacts

General Information: 651-556-3000

Business Income Taxes (Corporation Franchise Tax, Partnership Tax, S Corporation Tax, Estate Tax, Fiduciary Tax): 651-556-3075

Sales and Use Tax: 651-296-6181 or 1-800-657-3777

Withholding Tax: 651- 282-9999 or 1-800-657-3594