

# Urgent News Release #2

## Richland County Emergency Management

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### **Flooding Continues to Impact Richland County**

*Richland County, WI:* The flash flooding that began in the northern part of Richland County on the early morning hours on September 7<sup>th</sup> is now impacting the City of Richland Center and southern portions of the county along the Pine River.

As of 11:00am this morning, the following roads were closed: State Highway 80 near Rockbridge, County Highway AA, County Highway D at Rockbridge, County Highway N near Ithaca, the intersection of County Highway O and County Highway RC, the intersection of Bohman Drive and County Highway RC, County Highway TB, Industrial Drive, Quarry Drive, Twin Bluffs Road, and Sawmill Road.

Please use caution when traveling in areas of the County that have been impacted by high water. Many roads may still have high water crossing over them or may be covered with mud and flood debris creating hazardous travel conditions. Motorists are also encouraged to be conscientious of road crews who are doing emergency repair work to make roads accessible throughout the impacted area. Remember "Turn around, don't drown"!

Damage assessments are ongoing. Early estimated damage to public infrastructure is just over \$300,000 throughout the entire county. Emergency Management encourages individuals impacted by this flood event to photograph and document any damage to their primary residence. Thorough documentation of damages aids individuals in experiencing a more favorable recovery process. Individuals who wish to report damage to their primary residence may call 608-647-8187.

We encourage the public to monitor their favorite media outlets to stay informed of changing road and weather conditions.

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