

## Flood Information and Response Resources from UW Extension

Citizens and officials in Jefferson County are being faced with many decisions given the severe flooding affecting our area. The official and volunteer response has been outstanding. However, there may be questions about both major and routine individual responses to this unprecedented flooding for which you need additional help and resources. The University of Wisconsin is part of a nationwide network of Extension Services (Extension Disaster Education Network or EDEN), and easy to use fact sheets for many typical responses are available. Therefore, this information is now posted on the UW Extension, Jefferson County Website at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/jefferson/> and also on the Jefferson County Government homepage at: <http://www.co.jefferson.wi.us/jc/public/jchome.php>

Concise and easy to read fact sheets are available on-line. A clearinghouse of flood information has been assembled by the North Dakota State University Extension Service, and this is available at:

- Overall Flood Information-Home, Family, Farm  
(<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood.html>)

These research-based tips are typically one page summary of practical and efficient responses to flooding that you and your family can take. For example, the following sections are available if you are dealing with structural and other home repairs:

- Drying and Repairing Walls  
(<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood/dryingandrepairingwalls.html>)
- How to Make Temporary Structural Repairs  
(<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood/temporarystructuralrepairs.html>)
- Flood Damaged Furniture and Appliances  
(<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood/flood-damagedfurnitureandappliances.html>)
- Reduce Odors from Flooded Basements  
([http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Information/Flood/Reduce\\_Odors\\_from\\_Flooded\\_Basements.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Information/Flood/Reduce_Odors_from_Flooded_Basements.html))
- Controlling Insects After Flooding  
(<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood/controllinginsectsafterflooding.html>)

The University of Wisconsin-Extension (Cooperative Extension) also has an easy to review “Disaster Handbook” which has concise resource information that should not be overwhelming to you at this difficult time. This is also linked below:

- UW Extension Handbook on Flooding  
(<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/news/handbook.html>)

For more information, please call your UW Extension, Jefferson County Office at 920-674-7295.