



VERMILION COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

INFORMATION REGARDING CLEANUP AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED STRUCTURES WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN.

Repairs to damaged buildings located within the floodplain require a permit from the Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) Department who is the Floodplain Administrator. This is required by Federal and State law and the County is required to administer these rules. The County can assist in working through these issues. In some cases it will not be possible to rebuild or repair and the State may have options for buy-outs. More information on that will be forthcoming. The first step is to obtain a damage assessment from the County and we can then help move forward. Floods seem to be a growing issue and by following these rules it may help mitigate future issues. It can save money and lives in the event of flood events in the future.

1. You **MUST** obtain a building permit from EMA before you repair, alter, or replace any of the following items:
 - a. Roof
 - b. Walls
 - c. Siding
 - d. Plaster
 - e. Cabinets
 - f. Flooring
 - g. Electrical systems
 - h. Plumbing
 - i. Heating
 - j. Air conditioning units
 - k. Foundation

2. The permit office must conduct a damage assessment of the building. This inspection will determine if a structure is more than 50% damaged (substantially damaged). If a structure is found to be substantially damaged, the structure may not be repaired until it meets current flood protection requirements. It is imperative that the community permit office is contacted prior to taking any actions to repair damage related to the flood.

3. You may, if you have not already, proceed with cleanup activities and temporary emergency repairs to prevent further deterioration, such as preventing the spread of mold and/or mildew, without a permit. These include:

- a. Removing and disposing of damaged contents, carpeting, wallboard, and insulation.
- b. Hosing and scrubbing, or cleaning floors, walls, and ductwork.
- c. Covering holes in roofs or walls and covering windows to prevent the weather from inflicting further damage.
- d. Removing sagging ceilings, shoring up broken foundations, and other actions to make the building safe to enter.

Prior to proceeding with cleanup activities that are allowed without a permit, you should thoroughly document the condition of the building by photographing the inside and outside of all areas that are being affected by the cleanup/emergency repairs.

NOTE: BUILDING REPAIRS AND STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT IS ATTACHED.

Please contact the EMA Department at 217-443-6010 for questions or to schedule a damage evaluation.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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