

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE #2: August 10, 2007

We do not expect to receive the Small Business Administration's determination until early next week as to whether Cuyahoga County will qualify for low interest loans to assist those who have incurred uninsured losses resulting from the severe storms that moved through the area on Tuesday. Again, as soon as we receive that information, we will inform our residents. Stay tuned to your local media outlets also, as the county will provide public news releases as information is available.

The Red Cross has provided the city with Cleanup Kits for any resident affected by Tuesday's storm damage. The kits will be available for pick up at Fire Station #3 at 17401 Holland Road during the following hours: Friday, August 10th, from 1-9 pm and Saturday, August 11th, from 9 am to 6 pm. The Red Cross requests that only those residents affected by the storms receive the kits. Residents will be required to show proof of residence to receive a kit. The kits are about 3' tall by 1' wide and 1' deep and contain a bucket, squeegee, sponge, broom, disinfectant, bleach, and fit easily in the trunk or backseat of a car.

Governor Strickland announced today that disaster assistance is available through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and will be administered through the Cuyahoga County Departments of Job and Family Services. Flood victims in Cuyahoga County may apply for one of two types of disaster assistance:

Families: may qualify for up to \$1500.

Elderly and Disabled: may qualify for up to \$750.

Residents can contact the County beginning August 15th to see if you qualify for this assistance. The phone number to call for assistance is 216-987-7000.

To view Governor Strickland's Public News Release, click on the following link:

<http://www.ohio.gov/news/#081007>

The city will continue pickup of storm-related debris over the weekend for affected residents. Please place all trash on the tree lawns. We can't predict the exact time we will be in your neighborhood, but we will be making runs through those areas that we know have been affected.

We have received several calls from residents affected by Tuesday's storms regarding black mold. According to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, there are several hundred species of mold, with various growth periods. Black mold, however, will not appear until about 14 days after the flooding if the affected area is not properly cleaned.

Residents can reduce the potential for mold, in general, by following the county's guidelines for post-flood cleanup at the following link:

http://www.ccbh.net/ccbh/export/sites/default/CCBH/pdf/flood_safety.pdf

Or by following the FEMA brochure on Flood Cleanup can be found at this link:

<http://www.cityofbrookpark.com/Info/FEMADEALINGWITHMOLD.pdf>