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Damage Assessments Ongoing in Buchanan County

The assessment of damages in Buchanan County after recent flooding is ongoing. Residents are asked to report damage not yet reported, including your name, telephone number and address of damage to their city hall if within city limits and to Buchanan County Emergency Management at 319-334-6411 if outside of city limits.

Rick Wulfekuhle, Buchanan County Emergency Manager, reports more information should be forthcoming soon regarding the level of disaster declaration Buchanan County may fit once damage assessments are completed. According to Wulfekuhle, two levels of declaration can occur. The first level is a Public Assistance Declaration which includes infrastructure such as roads, bridges and public works. The next level is the Individual Assistance Declaration which includes damage to personal residence. Declaration levels are determined by total damage costs. “Buchanan County residents should listen closely to the level of declaration when it is announced to best understand if individual assistance will be available through the government. The public often confuses a Public Assistant Declaration with the Individual Assistance Declaration. Depending on the level of damage in Buchanan County, the county may only be declared a Public Assistance Declaration and not an Individual Assistance Declaration meaning individuals will not receive assistance from the government.”

Refer to the Buchanan County Emergency Management website at <http://www.buchanancountyiowa.org> for the most current information and updates.

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