

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Flooding – Fillmore County

Flooding damages to public infrastructure in Fillmore County are preliminarily estimated at over \$2,000,000. This does not include losses to private homes or agricultural damages. Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives will be in Fillmore County on Thursday to do their preliminary assessments of damages to public property. This data will be included with a request to the Governor to ask for a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to access federal funding for flood damages.

Free water testing kits are available to Fillmore County residents who have private wells that have either had flood waters within 50 feet of the well head or have had flood waters on top of the well head. If you have concerns about your drinking water, please contact the Public Health Department at 507.765.3898 or stop at the office at 902 Houston St. NW, Preston.

Residents in need of a tetanus shot should contact your clinic.

Red Cross is available to take applications from residents for assistance with needs due to flooding. Teams are also available to come to homes for assessment of needs of rural residents. If there are concerns about drinking water for your family due to flooding, supplies are available. Red Cross representatives will at the Preston City Hall from 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. during week days. Please call the Red Cross at 507.287.2200.

Although the City of Lanesboro has closed Sylvan Park, Art in the Park will be held on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Art in the Park will be held downtown and part of County Road 8 has been closed to accommodate this event.

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