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PUBLIC NOTICE: IMPORTANT FLOOD INFORMATION

ATTENTION GARY RESIDENTS

Gary, Indiana-The information contained in this document is intended to provide a response and guidance to Gary families, businesses, and private non-profits that have experienced property damage due to the heavy rains and resulting floods that occurred on or after February 15, 2018.

Anyone who has property damage **SHOULD CONTACT THEIR INSURANCE PROVIDER FIRST**. All information following will only be applicable to those who have experienced an **UNINSURED LOSS**. Proof may be required.

All of those who have experienced an **UNINSURED LOSS** should complete the following steps

- 1) Complete a "Damage Assessment Report". This report can be found by going to the following website <http://bit.ly/2018rainfall> . Then click on "Heavy Rain and Flooding; February 15, 2018 and continuing. **THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**, but these reports are used as a determining factor as to how much and what type of funding is provided to a disaster area. So it is vital that these reports be completed. While the report is geared towards residents, it can also be used by businesses.
- 2) At this time neither the state nor the federal government has provided funds for monetary assistance. We are in constant contact with state and county officials to receive updates as to the availability of funds. If state and/or federal funds become available we can provide assistance with your application. To request assistance, please call 219-881-1311. In the meantime, we suggest that you complete any clean up and/or repairs necessary but document any work done with pictures and receipts. These items will be critical to receive relief if/when funds become available. If you need emergency support and cannot wait for flood relief, there are limited funds to help with those emergencies.
 - a. The Calumet Township Trustee's Office will be providing cleaning kits, Tyvek suits, laundry supplies and donated clothes starting this Saturday, March 3rd. They can be picked up at the Calumet Township Multi-Purpose Center 1900 W 41st Ave Gary 219-880-4900. There are no income requirements. You only need to show proof that you live in the Calumet Township (Gary, Griffith, unincorporated Calumet Township).
 - b. The Calumet Township Trustee's Office can also provide temporary housing at their shelter, food vouchers, and in some cases emergency replacement/repair of

- some appliances like refrigerator or oven. There may be income requirements. You can apply by calling 219-718-2031 to schedule an appointment. Please indicate it is for flood relief to get an immediate appointment.
- c. The City of Gary also has limited funds for emergency replacement of furnace or hot water heater. There are income and other HUD based requirements. You can apply by calling 219-881-5075 to schedule an appointment.
 - d. The City of Gary will provide Tyvex suits and gloves to help protect against disease during clean up. We also have pamphlets to provide guidance on how to address mold in the home. Those items can be picked up starting Thursday, March 1st through Sunday March 11th or until supplies run out at the Hudson Campbell Fitness Center 455 Massachusetts St. Gary, IN 219-886-2814 between the hours of 9am and 1pm .
 - e. For those who are cleaning out your flood impacted home we will allow for an additional drop-off (for a total of 2 per week) at the citizen drop-off sites. Drop-off sites are located at D&R Site Services, 7015 W. 5th Avenue and Republic Services at 15th & Clay Street. This will be effective Thursday, March 1st – Saturday, March 10th. You must show a license or ID at the time of drop-off. No commercial vehicles will be allowed. All normal material restrictions remain. Please also keep in mind you are able to place 1 large item per week curbside for pick up. All normal material restrictions remain.
 - f. You can also call 211 for referrals to other social service providers in Lake County
- 3) Look out on the city website (www.gary.in.us/teamgaryindiana.com), local access channel, and city social media for continuing updates
 - 4) If you rent from a landlord that has not completed the necessary repairs to make the living environment safe, please contact the Building Department at 219-881-1377
 - 5) Please obey all traffic restriction signs. Failure to do so could result in personal and/or property damage.