



Michigan Flooding April 17, 2026

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Recent social media post April 15, 2026:

“Today, I declared a state of emergency for 32 additional counties following severe weather that has damaged homes, roads, and businesses. This emergency declaration will deploy additional resources to help local officials and first responders protect Michiganders and property.”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

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Recent social media post April 16, 2026:

“ATTENTION ALVERNO, CHEBOYGAN & BLACK RIVER AREA RESIDENTS: We are anticipating an increase of water passing through the Alverno Dam over the next several days. Emergency Management encourages residents to be prepared and pack necessary items in case you are evacuated. Sign up for the most recent information here: [smart911.com](#) You will be notified through this app if you need to evacuate. Contact 2-1-1 regarding shelter information.”

American Red Cross

American Red Cross of Northern Michigan
2240 S. Airport Rd, Suite D
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231) 947-7286

[Northern Michigan Chapter | Red Cross](#)

American Red Cross of Mid-Michigan
1800 East Grand River Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 484-7461

[Mid-Michigan Chapter | American Red Cross](#)

American Red Cross of East Central Bay Michigan
1401 S. Grand Traverse Street
Flint, MI 48503
(810) 232-1401

[East Central Bay Chapter | Red Cross](#)

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan
5640 Venture Ct.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 353-6180

[Southwest Michigan Chapter | Red Cross](#)

American Red Cross of West Michigan
3886 Broadmoor Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 456-8661

[West Michigan Chapter | Grand Rapids | American Red Cross](#)

Please visit the following link for a listing of nearby shelters: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Recent press release April 16, 2026:

“Red Cross opens additional shelters for those impacted by flooding in Northern Michigan

Anyone impacted by flooding can call 1-800-RED CROSS for assistance.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN (April 16, 2026) – The American Red Cross has opened additional emergency shelters to ensure anyone impacted by the flooding in Northern Michigan has a safe place to stay and no one faces this heartbreaking

situation alone. Residents impacted by flooding can call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) for assistance.

Red Cross shelters are at these locations:

- *Knights of Columbus, 9840 Straits Hwy, Cheboygan, 49721*
- *Belknap Township Hall, 1720 W 638 Hwy Presque Isle, 49779*
- *Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W M-72, Grayling, 49738*
- *Tri Point Church of God, 831 W. Miller Road, Mio, 48647*

Red Cross shelters are a safe place for everyone in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or citizenship status. The Red Cross does not require people to show any kind of identification to enter a shelter – just their name and where they were living before the flooding.

People who plan to stay in a shelter are encouraged to bring prescription medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, other comfort items and important documents.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers.

Currently, 34 Red Crossers are supporting the disaster relief operation in Northern Michigan.

The Red Cross continues to work closely with emergency management and community partners who are monitoring multiple dams and rivers in varying levels of flood stage and concern levels in Northern Michigan.

Flood Safety Tips

Just 6 inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock you over and 12 inches can carry your vehicle away.

- *Never walk, swim or drive through floodwater. Just 6 inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock you over and 12 inches can carry your vehicle away.*
- *Avoid fallen power lines, poles and wire. They can electrocute you.*
- *Watch out for falling trees and other debris.*
- *Flooding can contaminate drinking water. Check with your local public health department.*
- *Stay away from floodwaters. They can contain sewage, sharp items, and chemicals that can make you ill.”*

Department of Transportation

Michigan Department of Transportation MDOT)
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(888) 296-4546

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Please visit [MDOT - Mi Drive Map](#) for updated traffic conditions.

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

Michigan 2-1-1

[Michigan 211](#)

Text your zip code to 898211.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.