



Wisconsin - Tornadoes July 28, 2026

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Press release July 28, 2026:

"Gov. Evers Declares State of Emergency in Response to Severe Storms throughout Eastern Wisconsin"

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today signed [Executive Order #300](#), declaring a state of emergency as communities throughout Eastern Wisconsin experienced severe storms on Monday, July 27, that resulted in at least one confirmed tornado with preliminary surveys indicating EF3 damage in the Menasha/Appleton area, along with high winds, hail, power outages, and disruptions to public water systems, causing widespread and significant damage.

"We are continuing to assess the devastation and destruction Wisconsin is seeing, especially in the Fox Cities, and we are committed to doing everything we can to help every family, business, and community affected recover," said Gov. Evers. "This emergency declaration will ensure every available resource is deployed so we can respond quickly to the needs on the ground, and I want to thank the neighbors, emergency and first responders, local partners, and volunteers who are already working to help to restore essential services, clean up neighborhoods, and assess the damages. Together, we will recover and recover stronger, and I ask everyone to keep the families and communities affected in your thoughts over the coming days and weeks as they rebuild."

Currently, multiple fire services, law enforcement, public works, utilities, volunteer organizations, and other emergency response agencies have deployed to assist the public and recovery operations in the affected areas. The State Emergency Operations Center was elevated to a Level 3 on Monday, and Gov. Evers' declaration of a state of emergency will help ensure state agencies, local partners, utilities, and emergency management officials can continue working together and respond quickly to damage and effects caused by the severe weather.

Wisconsin Emergency Management, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military

Affairs, has been working with counties to assess damage and determine resources needed to speed recovery efforts.

[Executive Order #300](#) is available on Gov. Evers' website and is effective immediately.

An online version of this release is available [here](#)."

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Forest County Emergency Management

200 E. Madison St.
Crandon, WI 54520
(715) 478-3430
[EM Depart](#)

Please visit the statewide one-stop disaster resource recovery website at [ReadyWisconsin](#) for more information and resources.

Outagamie County Emergency Management

320 S. Walnut St.
Appleton, WI 54911
(920) 832-6361
[Emergency Management | Outagamie County, Wisconsin](#)

News release July 27, 2026:

*"July 27, 2026, 2:52 PM:
Christ The Rock Church has been established as a reception center for those affected by the storms. Those in need of resources are encouraged to go to the church as they are able.*

*The church is located at:
Christ The Rock Church
W6254 STH 10/114
Menasha"*

City of Appleton residents may visit [Tornado | July 27, 2026](#) for up-to-date storm recovery information.

Vilas County Emergency Management

330 Court Street
Eagle River, WI 54521
(715) 479-3690
[Vilas County, WI](#)

Winnebago County Office of Emergency Management

4311 Jackson Street

Oshkosh, WI 54901

(920) 236-7460

[Emergency Management | Winnebago County, WI](#)

Please visit [Winnebago County Tornado Event Information and Resources | Winnebago County, WI](#) for up-to-date information.

American Red Cross

American Red Cross of Wisconsin - North Central Chapter (Forest and Vilas Counties)

1155 Grand Ave. Suite 1

Schofield, WI 54475

(715) 301-7721

[North Central | Wisconsin Region | American Red Cross](#)

American Red Cross of Wisconsin - Northeast Chapter (Outagamie and Winnebago Counties)

2131 Deckner Ave.

Green Bay, WI 54302

(877) 618-6628

[Northeast | Wisconsin Region | American Red Cross](#)

Please visit [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#) to view a map of open shelters.

Department of Transportation

State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation

4822 Madison Yards Way

Madison, WI 53705

(608) 264-7447

[Wisconsin Department of Transportation](#)

Please visit [511WI | Wisconsin Traffic | Commuter Information](#) to view updated traffic conditions and alerts.

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](#).

211 Wisconsin

Dial 211 or text zip code to 898211

(877) 947-2211

[211 Wisconsin](#)

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>.