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City of Oshkosh
Emergency Operations Center



NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Street Flooding
Date: July 15, 2010
Time: 12:33 a.m.
Contact: Jon Urben, Public Information Officer (920) 236-5169

While storms have dissipated this evening, the City of Oshkosh's Emergency Operations Center urges citizens to carefully monitor runoff water that may still be draining to the City of Oshkosh from other areas outside the city. Residents should be aware of the impact of this runoff in the following categories:

Street Safety:

Motorists are urged to use caution when driving as various streets still have flooding or standing water. City crews are aware of these streets and will be working throughout the evening to address these issues.

Water Safety

Residents are reminded that flooded creeks, streams, ditches and rivers are very dangerous. Children should avoid these areas. Residents should not boat or canoe in swollen bodies of water. In addition, manhole covers can be displaced by rising storm sewer waters and as such, residents must be very careful when walking in flooded streets.

Home Safety

Wisconsin Public Service notes if residents have water in their basements they should call 911 should the water level reach their circuit breaker box, their gas meter is underwater or they smell natural gas. Residents should not attempt to enter a flooded basement to retrieve property until the water recedes.

Food Safety

When in doubt, residents are reminded to not eat suspicious food and do not eat any food that may have come in contact with flood water.

Emergency Reminders:

Residents should not call 911 if their vehicles become stranded due to high water. Residents should contact a towing service. Residents should avoid high water areas due to unpredictable currents and quickly changing water levels.

The City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County Emergency Management and Wisconsin Public Service are working cooperatively on this situation and will continue to monitor and address the flooding problems into the evening. For any other questions or concerns residents can contact the City of Oshkosh Police Department at 236-5700.

Thank you for your understanding and patience throughout this incident.

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