

# Alert from Northampton County Emergency Management Services

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY** - Northampton County Emergency Management Services continue to work with municipal officials to gather accurate and detailed damage assessments following the severe flash flooding event that took place on Sunday, July 16, 2023.

As of today, Friday, July 21:

Eleven municipalities have reported municipal damages:  
 Bangor Borough (infrastructure, roadways)  
 County of Northampton (bridges)  
 East Bangor Borough (roadways)  
 Forks Township (infrastructure, roadways)  
 Lower Mount Bethel Township (roadways)  
 Palmer Township  
 Plainfield Township (infrastructure, roadways)  
 Stockertown Borough (park, recreational trail)  
 Tatamy Borough (municipal park)  
 Washington Township (infrastructure, roadways)  
 West Easton (roadways)

Six municipalities have enacted Disaster Declarations due to damages sustained:

Bangor Borough (7/17)  
 Lower Mount Bethel Township (7/16)  
 Palmer Township (7/21)  
 Plainfield Township (7/18)  
 Upper Mount Bethel Township (7/20)  
 Washington Township (7/17)

Preliminary Public Assistance Damage Cost Estimate:

Accumulative (countywide) damages estimated to be \$5,500,000 to \$6,000,000, with many affected municipalities reporting their estimated costs. This estimated cost to date includes approx. \$400,000 in damages to county bridges.

The 2022-2023 Public Assistance County & State Threshold Figures state that Northampton County must accumulatively (municipalities and County) document a minimum of \$1,389,502.44 in Public Assistance damages. In addition, the Commonwealth must document (all counties and state agencies) a minimum of \$23,014,795 for any county or the Commonwealth to be awarded a Disaster Declaration.

Northampton County Emergency Management Services is receiving reports of residential damages (Individual Assistance) from over 150 households across eleven municipalities at this time:

Bangor Borough  
 Bushkill Township  
 East Bangor Borough  
 Forks Township  
 Lower Mount Bethel Township  
 Nazareth Borough  
 Plainfield Township  
 Portland Borough  
 Stockertown Borough  
 Upper Mount Bethel Township  
 Washington Township

Residents and/or business owners affected by the flood events experienced on Sunday, July 16, are strongly encouraged to report damage to their local municipalities and complete the damage questionnaire on the Northampton County Emergency Management Services website <http://ncem-pa.org/> to start the countywide assessment process. This will ensure that the County sends detailed damage reports to both PEMA and FEMA. All assessments received by Northampton County Emergency Management Services have been or will be entered into the Commonwealth's damage reporter system.

A Crisis Clean-Up Hotline has also been established to connect those affected with information and possible assistance: 844-965-1386. The hotline will remain open through Friday, August 4. The Crisis Clean-Up Hotline is not affiliated with any local, county, state, or federal agency.



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