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NEWS RELEASE

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MUSKINGUM COUNTY – STORM RECOVERY AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Following the recent severe storm and major flooding across the county, local officials are actively coordinating debris management to support community recovery. Our priority is making sure residents, families, and businesses have the information and resources they need to recover. Muskingum County is committed to helping our communities recover from this disaster safely and efficiently.

We are a resilient community and will continue to be #MuskingumStrong.

DEBRIS CLEANUP

Debris pickup and collection will begin on or about August 19, 2026. Residents are asked to follow posted debris placement guidelines to help crews work as quickly and safely as possible.

Most importantly, make sure all debris is placed at the edge of your property and separated. Place appliances separately from other debris.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY EMA

For more information about flood damages or to ask questions, please contact Muskingum County EMA at 740-453-1655.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY JFS

Muskingum County Job and Family Services now has a dedicated phone line to explain its services and offer disaster assistance. Their phone number is **740-453-4538**.

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

We understand Ohioans are generous by nature; however, we are asking the public not to self-deploy as spontaneous volunteers. While the willingness to help is appreciated, unplanned volunteer activity can disrupt coordinated recovery operations and create safety risks. Official volunteer opportunities will be announced as they are organized.

Donations are currently being distributed from the Old Roseville School at 76 West Athens Road, Roseville, OH 43777.

Monetary donations to support recovery efforts are being handled by the Muskingum County Community Foundation at <https://www.mccf.org>. They will ensure funds are used responsibly and reach those most affected by the storm.

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

We want our residents to know we see you, we recognize the hardship this storm has caused, and the Muskingum County Commissioners, County EMA, first responders, and other agencies are here to support you through the recovery process.

For ongoing updates, please visit <https://www.muskingumcountyoh.gov> or follow the Muskingum County Commissioners and the Muskingum County EMA pages on Facebook.

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