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Press Release # 1 Southern St Clair County Flooding

Current water levels in the St. Clair River and its tributaries are causing a serious rise in water levels. Local Emergency Management Officials are monitoring water levels around the clock to ensure your safety. Please take any warning given seriously.

Local Emergency Management officials are aware of yards and out structures having water intrusion currently. This is a very dynamic situation and does have the opportunity to change with heavy winds and waves depending on where you are located within the county. Please pay attention to National Weather Service watches and warnings regarding information in your local area.

If you need sandbags, please contact your Local Township or city office.

The following locations are providing sandbags to their residents:

- > Clay Township Water Department on Muskrat Run between the hours of 7am and 3:30pm.
- > Ira Township Office 7085 Meldrum Rd. Monday Thursday 7am 5pm
- > Or email Algonac DPW at <u>DPW@cityofalgonac.com</u> (810) 794-9361

Please make your local government officials aware of any flood damage to occupied dwellings.

Here are safety measures to take for flooding:

What to do if my house starts to flood:

- Stop the flow of water and minimize damage.
- Move essential items to an upper floor
- Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water
- Shut off water, gas and electricity, if you are instructed to do so.

If you need to leave your house, you should do the following:

- Secure your home.
- Grab your disaster kit (remember medicine, vital documents, food for your unique situation)
- Take your pets

- Shelter locations will be opened in the event you are to leave your home and are in need of sheltering. Contact your city or township office.
- If you cannot physically leave or have difficulty call Central Dispatch at 810-985-8115 or dial 911
- Notify your insurance company

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY WINS SYSTEM will be used to contact you in an emergency situation. If you have caller ID, you may not recognize the number, however please answer and receive the information.

Stay Informed

- Listen for updates on the radio or television.
- Check the Be Ready St Clair County Facebook page for updates.
- Check the local government website

If you need assistance:

If you need any non-life threatening assistance related to the flood, please call your local dispatch at 810-794-9381 for Clay/Ira Township all others call: 810-985-8115 or dial 2-1-1 for local community-based organization disaster response assistance.