Ohioans with Uninsured Damages from Superstorm Sandy Encouraged to Contact Their Local Emergency Management Agency

Columbus, OH – With one week passed since Superstorm Sandy struck the East Coast and Midwest, Ohio continues its recovery efforts, particularly in northeast Ohio. Fewer than 1,000 customers remain without power in northeastern Ohio, and it is estimated that complete power restoral will be achieved by Monday evening.

Superstorm Sandy brought torrential rains which caused flooding in multiple counties and downed trees and power lines, damaging buildings and personal property. County and state officials in northeast Ohio will be gathering information to assess the damages in the coming week.

“Superstorm Sandy left a path of death and destruction all along the East Coast. And our hearts go out to all of our neighbors who were impacted by this devastation,” said Nancy Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. “To our Ohio residents: if you find that you have uninsured damages caused by the storm, please contact your local emergency management agency. They can provide you with resources to aid in your storm recovery.”

Ohio residents with uninsured damages can find their local emergency management agency by clicking on the shortened Ohio EMA link: http://bit.ly/Suykh1.

County and state officials also remind residents to stay away from downed power lines. If a line is down, residents should assume it to be live and should not touch or attempt to move it. Ohioans should report the downed lines to their utility company or local police.

For updated information on Superstorm Sandy and its impact in Ohio, visit the Ohio EMA website at www.ema.ohio.gov. There, you can link directly to utility sites for outage and restoral information, and download material on generator safety, an after-the-storm toolkit, and information on mental health and coping with weather emergencies.

Residents can also contact their local 211 for additional information and lists of resources. Call 911 in an emergency. Follow along on Twitter with #OHwx

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