

Disaster Recovery Center opens Wednesday to serve residents affected by tornado

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A Disaster Recovery Center is opening in north Minneapolis Wednesday, May 25 to provide services and resources to residents affected by Sunday's tornado. The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Farview Recreation Center at 621 29th Ave. N. Organizers will evaluate the ongoing hours of the center based on the needs of the community in the first few days.

The City of Minneapolis and many partners are continuing their efforts to get folks back in their homes, ensure their safety and provide the assistance and resources they need to make it through this difficult time.

The site is located close to the area hardest hit by the tornado, and will provide a number of services that will assist residents and small businesses with both short-term and long-term recovery issues.

The available services will include:

- Basic supplies will be available, including tarps, toiletries, flashlights, batteries, diapers, etc.
- Help applying for public assistance, including emergency assistance and food support
- Assistance finding temporary shelter
- Behavioral health services and counseling
- Prescription/medication replacement assistance
- Clothing assistance
- Help with public schools needs and questions
- On site-child care while people are using the center's services

Interpreter services will be available at the center for people who need help in languages other than English.

Getting to the Disaster Recovery Center

The center will be located inside the Farview Recreation Center at Lyndale and 29th avenues North. The park is served directly by bus route 22B, and routes 5M and 5L stop within a few blocks. Currently, all three of these routes are operating. For bus information visit www.metrotransit.org or call (612) 673-3333.

On Wednesday, free bus transportation will also be provided for folks who want to go to the Disaster Recovery Center from five locations:

- Northeast Armory at 1025 Broadway St. NE
- NorthPoint Health and Wellness at 1315 Penn Ave. N.
- Cub Foods at 701 W. Broadway
- Penn and Lowry avenues
- Drake Hotel in Downtown

Buses will depart every half hour from these sites, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The City of Minneapolis is operating the center in partnership with Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minnesota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), the Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services, and the Red Cross.