



## **Burnett County Emergency Management**

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#### UPDATE ON BURNETT COUNTY CLEAN UP EFFORTS

Siren, WI-July 13, 2011-Recovery from the July 1<sup>st</sup> storm continues throughout the county. Eighteen out of twenty-one townships in the County and all three villages have reported damages.

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative is reporting that power has been restored to all members. NW Wisconsin Electric has approximately 270 customers that are still without power, primarily in the Yellow Lake, Webb Lake and Swiss Township areas. If you have any questions regarding your power with NVEC, please call 715-463-5371 or 1-800-261-1200.

Tree damage debris will be an issue that will be with us for many months. Please contact your township officials for any specific disposal instructions or options that may be available. Burning permits and restrictions apply. Please contact your local DNR office for details.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has a storm recovery link on their website to help home owners make decisions when it comes to harvesting the blown down timber. This is critical to reduce insect problems, encourage regeneration and reduce fuel loads for wildfire potential. DNR Foresters are encouraging land owners to contact reputable consulting foresters, timber buyers or logging contractors to ensure minimal damage is made to the land and also receive a fair return on their timber. The link: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/stormRecovery>.

Burnett County Public Health would also like to remind you that if you have not had a Tetanus vaccine in the last 10 years, you should come in and get one before doing any debris/tree removal. Please call 715-349-7600 and talk to an intake nurse.

When it comes to food safety, please keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. Obtain dry or block ice to keep your refrigerator or freezer as cold as possible is power is going to be out for a long period of time.

Webster High School is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:00 for anyone who does not have power and needs to shower. There is no need to call. The Salvation Army is also available for assistance at 715-635-8744.

If you need assistance or further information, you may contact the Burnett County Emergency Management Office at 715-349-2171.