Damage Assessment

Year after year, disasters claim their toll in both lives lost and in properties damaged. The potential for damage is growing as property values increase, populations shift, and the economic interdependence between businesses, communities, and government grows. The ability to respond to disaster and major emergency events in a quick and effective fashion, alleviate human suffering and return a community to a sense of normalcy, depends directly upon the ability of Federal, State, and local government agencies and jurisdictions to act in concert in the effort. It is essential that local and State government agencies be able to evaluate the impact of a disaster in order to effectively plan and implement strategies to meet the expectations and needs of a community following these events.

Damage Assessment is a preliminary onsite evaluation of damage or loss caused by an accident or natural event. Damage assessments record the extent of damage, what can be replaced, restored or salvaged. It may also estimate the time required for repair, replacement and recovery.

Damage assessment is an integral part of facilitating effective and efficient response by government agencies and other organizations. Damage assessment provides a basis for determining the types of assistance needed and the assignment of priorities to those in need. Good damage assessment would start the ball rolling for effective response and relief operations such as evacuation, sheltering, search and rescue, mass casualty management, etc.

Gladwin County Emergency Management /Homeland Security has 72 hours after an accident or natural event to process a preliminary damage assessment for the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division. After an accident or natural event Gladwin County would ask residents and businesses, if possible, to upload photos of the damage and to fill out a Damage Assessment Report. The report would be given to damage assessment teams who would respond to your place of business or resident to conduct a formal damage assessment for the state. This helps local government to know how bad the damage is and if Gladwin County would need to file a State of Emergency.

When an emergency and/or disaster strikes Gladwin County residents will have the ability to fill out the Damage Assessment form and upload pictures for officials in the Emergency Operations Center. Damage Assessment Teams will be sent to the locations to conduct a formal assessment to send to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management/Homeland Security Division.

GLADWIN COUNTY
PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORM

Date:	Date of Damage:

Name:

Phone:	Cell phone:

Township:

Is the damage for the address above:	☐ Yes	☐ No

If No, Property damage address:

Township:

Type of Property		Ownership	
Single Family Home	☐	Own	☐
Multi-Family Home (Apartments)	☐	Rent	☐
Business	☐	Lease/Land Contract	☐
Vacation Home (not primary residence)	☐	If Rent/Lease, Property owner contact information:	
Primary residence address			

Construction Type				
Masonry ☐	Wood Frame ☐	Mobile Home ☐	Manufactured ☐	Other ☐

Type of Insurance					
Property ☐	Sewer back-up ☐	Flood (Structure) ☐	Flood (Contents) ☐	Wind/Fire ☐	None ☐

Damages   (Check All that apply)

HVAC ☐	Water Heater ☐	Furnace ☐	Natural Gas ☐
Propane ☐	Foundation ☐	Windows ☐	Sewer ☐ ok ☐ not ok
Roof Intact ☐	Driveway ☐	Garage ☐	Outbuilding ☐
Major appliances ☐	Vehicle ☐	Farm Equipment ☐	Other (explain below)
Basement Flood ☐ Depth ____ Feet ___ inch		1st Floor Flood ☐ Depth ____ Feet ___ inch	

Other:

☐

Source of Damages

Sewer back-up ☐	Primarily Flood ☐	Wind ☐	Tornado ☐	Fire ☐	Other explain below

Explain other:

Based on the damages reported, the property is currently: Habitable ☐   Uninhabitable ☐

Resident's Estimate of Damages		
Repairs	Contents	Total
$	$	$

Comments:

Are there any ___immediate___ needs for the residents and/or property?

Evacuation	☐	Require Sheltering	☐	Medical Help	☐
Medications	☐	Food/Water	☐	Animal Care (domestic)	☐
Farm Animal Care	☐	Road/Drive Obstructed	☐	Debris Removal	☐

Other: