

Bulletin #2026-20

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS and MANITOBA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

2026 June Heavy Rains

Heavy rains in June 2026 have had a significant impact on municipalities in several areas of Manitoba. Municipal and Northern Relations and Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) have prepared information to assist you in understanding the answers to some common questions about these events. This general information may also be of interest to other municipalities that were not affected this time. This bulletin will help you understand:

- 1. When should we declare a State of Local Emergency (SoLE)?**
- 2. Is a SoLE necessary to get Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funding?**
- 3. Is there a DFA program for the 2026 rainfall events?**
- 4. What is our role with DFA requests for private property? What should we tell the public about DFA?**
- 5. Will the Manitoba EMO be visiting my community to assist with DFA applications?**
- 6. Can we update property assessments and taxes for properties damaged by an emergency?**

1. When should we declare a State of Local Emergency (SoLE)?

A municipality should only declare a SoLE if they require any of the extraordinary powers granted by section 12 of The Emergency Measures Act to respond to an emergency. These powers include the ability to regulate people's movement or require evacuations, enter and do work on private property, take control of people or resources to provide aid, regulate the distribution of goods, procure and pay for essential services or goods, etc.

If you can manage an emergency within your existing resources, you do not need to declare a SoLE.

2. Is a SoLE necessary to get Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funding?

No. You do not need to have had a SoLE for your municipality or its residents to be eligible for a DFA program.

3. Is there a DFA program for the June 2026 rainfall events?

Yes, a DFA program has been declared for these events. You can view information about active DFA programs at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/programs.html>. You can view more information about DFA programs, including how to apply, at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/local-authorities.html>.

4. What is our role with DFA requests for private property? What should we tell the public about DFA?

After a disaster, municipalities are asked to complete a Community Impact Assessment. This will form part of your DFA application.

We ask municipalities to include any reports of private damage in their Community Impact Assessment. We tell individuals and businesses that are impacted to report damage to their municipal office, so that their reports can be included in the Community Impact Assessment. These can be updated whenever the municipality has new information.

To help municipalities collect information on damages to private property, we encourage municipalities to share this messaging with the public:

We understand that the 2026 June Heavy Rains may have caused damage to some properties in our community. If you were affected, please reach out to your insurance provider to review your coverage.

Manitoba has established a Disaster Financial Assistance program for this event.

We also ask that you report any damage to our municipal office as soon as you can. Your information helps us understand the full impact on our community and provide the necessary details to the Government of Manitoba.

Please provide the following information:

- Whether the impacted property is a private residence or an organization (e.g., farm, business, or non-profit).
- The type of damage (e.g., exterior or interior damage, cleanup needs, replacement of property, etc.).
- The cause of the damage (e.g., sewer backup, overland flooding).
- A cost estimate of the damage, if known.

If you have any questions, please see the contact information below.

5. Will the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) be visiting my community to assist with Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) applications?

Manitoba EMO has been visiting the hard-hit communities to assist you with your DFA claims since June 12. Communities include the Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman (June 12-14), Rural Municipality of Rockwood (June 15 -16), Rural Municipality of Rosser (June 17–18), and the Town of Stonewall (June 19-20). Additional sessions are being scheduled in other affected communities.

Please refer to the attached Tour Info page for specific time, date and location of community engagement sessions.

If your community is interested in having the DFA program visit your community, you can contact Manitoba EMO to request a session or get support by phone Phone: 204-945-3050 (Winnipeg); Toll-Free: 1-888-267-8298; or email dfa@gov.mb.ca.

6. Can we get property assessments and taxes updated for properties that were damaged?

Yes. However, **this is a different process than the Community Impact Assessments and DFA program discussed above.** Your **Community Impact Assessments do not automatically trigger a review of properties for assessment and taxation purposes.** You will need to submit any such requests for reviews separately (see below).

Municipalities will need to advise Property Assessment Services about any properties that were damaged due to flooding in 2026.

Where flood damage has occurred, Property Assessment Services will prioritize property inspections and the review of any assessment adjustments related to 2026 Flood Damage, including consideration of potential supplementary assessment reductions.

As usual, if a supplementary assessment reduction is issued for a property, it will be up to your municipality to decide whether it will issue a corresponding property tax reduction for that property.

Submitting Flood Damage Requests to Property Assessment Services

Municipalities are requested to enter applicable work items through **Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO)** for any properties affected by flooding.

When submitting a request in MMO:

- Select **Category: Maintenance**
- Select **Work Item Type: Memo**
- Begin each memo description with the following term in ALL CAPITALS: **“2026 FLOOD DAMAGE”**

Please ensure that sufficient supporting information is included where available (e.g., property and building details, extent of damage, photos, or other relevant documentation).

Further Questions

If you have any further questions on these subjects, contact:

For questions about DFA or Community Impact Assessments – contact DFA at dfa@gov.mb.ca, 204-945-3050.

For questions about SoLEs or emergency response – contact EMO at emo@gov.mb.ca, 204-945-3050.

For questions about updating property assessments – your local [district assessment office](#) or the general mailbox at assessment@gov.mb.ca, 204-945-0119.

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