

Section 9: Damage Assessment General Information

I PURPOSE

To provide an overview of how damage assessment will be accomplished following a disaster in Swift County.

II PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Swift County Assessor will be in charge of overall damage assessment, with the support of the agencies listed below.

III SUPPORTING AGENCIES (*48)

- A. Swift County Emergency Management
- B. County Highway Engineer / City Engineer, Public Works Director
- C. County Assessor / City Assessor
- D. County Treasurer / City Clerk
- E. County Administrator / City Administrator / City Manager
- F. County Human Services Director
- G. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Emergency Board
- H. Division of Emergency management Regional Coordinator or designee
- I. FEMA Disaster Management Team
- J. Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
- K. County Building Inspector / City Building Inspector

IV STRUCTURE DAMAGE RATING (*52)

- A. The county assessor and local building inspectors are responsible for determining the habitability of private structures.
- B. The private structure damage rating system will be based off the damage assessment field guide provided by Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) and will apply as follows:
 - 1. Affected:

- i. Minimal damage with structure being habitable, only requiring minimal repairs.
2. Minor:
 - i. Damage is minor, can be repaired within 30 days to remake the structure habitable.
3. Major:
 - i. Structural damages will take longer than 30 days to repair and make the structure habitable.
4. Destroyed:
 - i. Repair is not feasible and structure is permanently uninhabitable, a total loss.

Further specifics on damage assessment ratings and specific examples for hazard structure losses can be found in the HSEM Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Field Guide. Swift County is aware a local damage assessment should be completed within 36 hours of the hazard event.

Standard Operating Procedures for Section 9 Damage Assessment

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this SOP is to provide for damage assessment due to any type of natural, manmade, or nuclear disaster.

II RESPONSIBILITIES (*48)

- A. The Swift County Emergency Manager will initiate a damage assessment team as soon as possible following the occurrence of a disaster.
- B. The assessor / engineering entities within Swift County have mutual aid agreements.
- C. Information will be gathered as soon as possible.
- D. Assessment will include photographs, video, maps and other documentation.
- E. Teams will be educated as to how to do effective damage assessment.

III ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING

Supporting Documents	Section / Page
Minnesota Disaster Management Handbook.....	Emergency Manager Office