



Iowa Tornado Outbreak

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Situation Overview

Humanity Road activated its disaster desk following a severe tornado outbreak in Iowa on the evening of July 19, 2018. This report is based on early impact indications found in social media.

Des Moines National Weather Service reported that multiple tornadoes occurred on the afternoon of July 19, 2018 in central portions of Iowa. The towns hit by the tornadoes include Bondurant, Pella, Marshalltown, Prairie City, Monroe and near Ottumwa. [source](#)

This report includes national and regional website and social media links that might be useful for people impacted. It also includes a situation updates for the counties and towns most impacted based on early indications from the internet and social media.

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[@Humanityroad](#)

[@Disasteranimals](#)

[@jAidDog](#)

[@DAFNReady](#)

Facebook pages

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Situation Overview

Background

July 19, 2018

Several tornadoes tore through Iowa late Thursday, flattening homes and businesses, overturning cars and causing several injuries. According to the National Weather Service, there were 28 reports of tornadoes, mostly in Iowa. The hardest hit areas were the central Iowa cities of Pella, Marshalltown and Bondurant. As of Friday morning, no deaths have been reported in Iowa due to the storms.

[source](#)

On July 2, 2018 Gov. Kim Reynolds had issued a disaster proclamation for Boone, Dallas, Jasper, and Polk counties in response to flooding and severe weather that began June 14 and is continuing.

National Links

Postal Service (Hold your mail or forward your mail)

website <https://www.usa.gov/post-office>

FEMA

website <https://www.fema.gov/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/fema>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/>

National Weather Service (NWS)

website <https://www.weather.gov/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/nws>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nws>

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

website <https://www.hhs.gov/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/hhsgov>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HHS>

Distress Line

website <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

twitter <https://twitter.com/distressline>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/samhsa>

Humanity Road

website: <https://humanityroad.org>

twitter: <https://twitter.com/humanityroad>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/humanityroad>

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Regional and State Links

FEMA Region 8

website <https://www.fema.gov/region-vii-ia-ks-mo-ne>

twitter <https://twitter.com/femaregion7>

facebook: None for Region 8 visit national <https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/>

Iowa State Government

website <https://www.iowa.gov/>

social media accounts <https://directory.iowa.gov/social/Index>

Iowa State Homeland Security and Emergency Management

website <https://www.facebook.com/IowaHSEMD>

twitter <https://twitter.com/IowaHSEMD>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/IowaHSEMD>

National Weather Service Des Moines

website <https://www.weather.gov/dmx/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/NWSDesMoines>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NWSDesMoines>

Iowa State Department of Transportation

website <https://www.iowadot.gov/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/statewideia511>

Statewide facebook <https://www.iowadot.gov/stayingconnected#facebook>

Central Iowa facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Iowa511Central>

Volunteer Iowa (sign up as a disaster volunteer)

website <http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/disaster?platform=hootsuite>

twitter <https://twitter.com/VolunteerIowa>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VolunteerIowa>

Greater Iowa Red Cross

website <http://www.redcross.org/local/iowa>

twitter https://twitter.com/GreaterIA_ARC

County and Local Links

Jasper County

County website <https://www.co.jasper.ia.us/>
Emergency Management website <http://jasperema-hls.org/>
Emergency Management twitter <https://twitter.com/JasperCountyEMA>
Emergency Management facebook <https://www.facebook.com/jaspercountyema>

Marion County

County website <http://co.marion.ia.us/>
Emergency Resources <http://co.marion.ia.us/resources.htm>
Marion County Emergency Management offices
<http://www.co.marion.ia.us/offices/ema/index.htm>

Marshall County

County website <http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/>
Emergency Management website <http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/em/>

Polk County Links

County website <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/>
County twitter https://twitter.com/PolkCounty_Iowa
Community links <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/home/community-links/>
Emergency Management twitter <https://twitter.com/PCEmrgManAgency>
Health twitter <https://twitter.com/polkcohealth>
Health facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Polk-County-Health-Department/57794587808>
Flood Recovery Resources <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health/news-press-releases/flood-recovery-services-and-resources/>

Emergency Numbers

Emergency Phone Numbers

- 911 - for life and death emergencies, need rescue, trapped in home, people with disabilities who need life saving medication

Information Helplines

- Polk County
 - General Assistance: Those in need of financial assistance with bills, rent and other flood expenses can call (515) 286-2088

- Health Dept: For medical assessment, help with medications and tetanus vaccines, call (515) 286-3798 [source](#)
- Mental Health: Residents in need of mental health services and resources call (515) 243-4545 [source](#)
- Greater Iowa Red Cross: For clean-up kits, case management, food, clothing assistance and other resources, call (515) 243-7681 [source](#)
- Iowa Legal Aid: For legal assistance for tenants with damage, questions and concerns, call (515) 243-1193 [source](#)
- 211 - 2-1-1 is a three-digit helpline that connects anyone with local support and resources. Professionals are trained to quickly assess a caller's needs and identify the best solution. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, and available any time. Types of assistance offered through Iowa 211: Rent assistance, Food pantries, Affordable housing, Utility assistance, Health and mental, health resources, Child care and after-school programs, Elderly care, Job training programs, Legal services, Crisis intervention, Disability services, Volunteer opportunities

Reunification Hotlines and Websites

- American Red Cross Safe and Well [Safe and well](#)
- Facebook Crisis Response for Marshalltown [Safety Check](#)

Maps and Situational Awareness

- Iowa Mesonet map of reported locations of funnels July 19 2018 [map link](#)
- Counties map for DOT 511 regions <https://www.iowadot.gov/511regions.html>
- ArcGIS map of Tornado reports in Iowa [Map](#)

Pictures and Videos

- [Video](#) - Tornadoes sweep across Iowa via TIME
- [Video](#) - Severe Weather Caused Several Tornadoes USA Today
- [Video](#) - Bondurant, Pela, Marshalltown Tornadoes Devastate Iowa KETV News 7
- [Video](#) - Iowa Storm Chase storm footage
- [Video1](#) [Video 2](#) - Prairie City Tornado
- [Video1](#) [Video 2](#) [Video3](#) Bondurant (twin tornadoes)
- [Photo](#) - Wood pierces car bumper Marshalltown Iowa
- [Photo](#) - Double tornado North of Altoona between Altoona and Bondurant
- [Photo](#) - Adventureland Altoona Rollercoaster with Tornado in background
- [Photo](#) - Cone Tornado in Pela Iowa
- [Photo](#) - Damage to Lennox building in Marshalltown

Hospitals

Status of Hospitals

July 20

- [VA Central Iowa Health Care System \(VACIHCS\)](#) : July 20, 2018 - The Marshalltown CBOC is open today as it was unaffected by recent storms. [source](#)

July 19

- Marshalltown Hospital Closed Due to Tornado Damage. No patients or staff were injured. Emergency Department moved to Medical Park at 55 Central Iowa Dr. [source](#)
- Pella Regional Health Center : received 7 patients, all with minor injuries who have been released. [source](#)

Special Needs Populations

Iowa State Department of Aging

website <https://directory.iowa.gov/organization/details/department-on-aging>

twitter <https://twitter.com/iowaaging>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/iowaaging/>

Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging:

website <https://iowaassocaging.wordpress.com/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/IowaAssocAging>

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (serves Marshalltown)

website <http://www.nei3a.org/>

twitter <https://twitter.com/NEI3A>

List of Nursing Homes in Marshalltown

website <https://www.nursinghomes.com/ia/marshalltown/>

Meals On Wheels

call Iowa Home Care at (641)-752-5545

website <http://www.mealsonwheelsofmarshalltown.com/>

List of Food Pantries close to Marshalltown

website <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/ia-marshalltown>

Child & Adult Care Food Program in Marshalltown

call (641) 754-1715

List of Kidney Dialysis Centers near Marshalltown:
search results [source](#)

Iowa Association of the Deaf (IAD)
videophone: 402-206-2413
website <http://iowadeaf.com/>
telecommunications access Iowa www.relayiowa.com

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
website www.nad.org

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa
website <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas/ds>

Iowa Department for the Blind
call (515) 281-1333
website <http://www.afb.org/info/about-us/1>
twitter <https://twitter.com/afb1921>
facebook <https://www.facebook.com/americanfoundationfortheblind>

Iowa Disability Benefit Programs:
call (319) 353-8777
website http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/iowa_disability_benefit_progra.html

List of Iowa Autism Resources:
website <http://autismawarenessonline.com/resources/States/iowa.htm>

Marshalltown IA Social Security office:
call 1-877-819-2595

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs:
call (515)-252-4698
website <https://va.iowa.gov/> <https://www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs/>

Division of Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS):
call (515)-281-3128
website <https://dhs.iowa.gov/>

Communications

Status

Tornado damage has caused a number of emergency situations. Stay off cell lines to ensure emergency communications can go through. Please use the City of Marshalltown Facebook page to communicate important non emergent information and helpful comments.

<https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/>

Power and Fuel

Status

- Pella Cooperative Electric is down to four outages. Due to lines torn down and tree damage, they will take longer to restore. [Source](#)
- Alliant energy has notified us that they are blowing the vent system out around the Veterans Home area so there may be a gas smell. If you feel this is not the situation call 1/800-ALLIANT. <https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/>
- @AlliantEnergyIA says there are still over 6,000 customers without power in Marshalltown. They are still working to restore power @KCRG [source](#)

Airports

Useful Links

- List of airports in Iowa. [source](#)
- Des Moines International Airport: [website](#), [@dsmairport](#), [facebook](#)
- Marshalltown Municipal Airport: Phone: 641-752-0012 After Hours: 641-521-6832 <http://www.miwairport.com/>

Roads / Bridges

Useful Links

- Iowa DOT Travelers Information: call **511**, [website](#), [social media sites](#), traffic alerts on twitter: [@statewideia511](#)

Twitter Accounts

Hashtags

#tornado #bondurant #iowa #iawx #Marshalltown #pella #IAwx #Iowa #SevereWeather #stormhour #weather

Twitter Accounts of Interest

- [@IowaHSEMD](#) Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management

- [@IowaPublicRadio](#) Iowa Public Radio
- [@UnitedWayCI](#) United Way of Central Iowa
- [@GreaterIA_ARC](#) Greater Iowa Red Cross
- [@211Centrallowa](#) Central Iowa 211
- [@kniakrls](#) KNIA/KRLS Radio, Marion County
- [@MARSHALLTOWNPD](#) Marshalltown Police
- [@JasperCountyEMA](#) Jasper County EMA
- [@PolkCounty_Iowa](#) Polk County Iowa
- [@CityofBondurant](#) City of Bondurant

FaceBook Accounts

- [Marion County - IA Sheriff's Office](#)
- [Marion County Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Marshall County Iowa Emergency Management](#)
- [Marshall County Iowa Sheriff's Office](#)
- [Marshall County Iowa 911](#)
- [City of Marshalltown](#)
- [Polk County Sheriff's Office Iowa](#)
- [Polk County Emergency Management Agency, Iowa](#)
- [Pella Cooperative Electric](#)

Traditional Media (TV, Radio, Newspapers)

Radio

- [Iowa Radio Stations](#)
- [KFJB 1230 \(AM\) radio](#)
- [KIX 101.1 \(FM\) radio](#)
- [KCOB 95.9 FM Radio website](#)

Broadcast TV

- [WHO \(NBC\) channel 13 television](#)
- [KCCI \(CBS\) channel 8 television](#)

Newspaper

- [Times Republican Newspaper](#)

Animals in Disaster

Useful Links:

- Animal Rescue League of Iowa: [website](#), [@ARLIowa](#), [facebook](#)
- Humane Society of Iowa: [website](#), [@HumaneSociety](#), [facebook](#)
- Veterinarians in Iowa by city: [List](#)
- Veterinarians in Marshalltown: [map](#)

- Veterinarians in Bondurant: [map](#)

Situation Updates by County (most recent first)

Jasper County

Population 27,820

- Jasper County City of Prairie officials report they confirmed six tornadoes near Prairie City and at least three near Monroe. No serious damage has been reported [source](#)

Marion County

Population 33,309

- **County-wide updates:**
 - Marion County residents and businesses that incurred property damage from the severe weather are encouraged to self report their damage. Reports should be made by emailing information such as name, address, and the type of damage to emergencymanagement@co.marion.ia.us [Source](#)
- **Pella - [website](#), [facebook](#)**
July 20:
 - One reported tornado hit a company in Pella town, about 40 miles from Des Moines, sending at least seven people from Vermeer Corporation to hospital with injuries. [source](#)
 - The tornado hit around 4:00 p.m. in the midst of a customer appreciation event. More than 3,000 people were at the plant when the tornado tore through. [source](#)
 - the tornado destroyed two Vermeer buildings and the waste treatment facility. [source](#)
 - Officials reported wind speeds of 60 miles per hour that caused downed trees, especially in the south side of town. [source](#)
 - The Pella Tornado has been rated an EF-3 with estimated peak wind speeds of 144 mph. [source](#)

Marshall County

Population 27,552

- **County-wide updates**
July 20:
 - Marshall County Emergency Management - For those that are calling the office for assistance, please call the communications center at 641-754-5725 for non emergency calls and 911 for emergencies. [Source](#)
- **Marshalltown - [website](#), [facebook](#)**
July 20:

- Red Cross shelter moving to the Marshalltown YMCA. Doors open at 3pm today (Friday). Current shelter clients are being shuttled from @MeskwakiCasino -Hotel to the @MarshalltownY [source](#)
- Marshall County Iowa Sheriff's Office: A state of emergency was declared in Marshalltown due to the tornado and a 9 p.m. curfew is in place for the city. Please avoid the north side of town. [Source](#)
- Unity Point Marshalltown Hospital is closed due to tornado damage. No patients or staff were injured <http://via.who.tv.com/VXdYH> Emergency Department moved to Medical Park at 55 Central Iowa Dr. [Source](#) All 40 of the patients were being transferred to the health system's larger hospital in Waterloo as well as one in Grundy Center, [Source](#)
- The police department is unoccupied at this time due to damage and a gas leak in the area. [source](#)
- The City has placed a dumpster for the disposal of storm debris from the downtown damage. The dumpster is located behind the Tremont building in the parking lot. [source](#)
- The City of Marshalltown Compost Facility, 901 Woodland Street, will be open from morning to 8pm until further notice for residents to drop off tree debris from the storm on July 19th. The Compost Facility will not accept building materials or other non-compostable items. [source](#)
- Marshalltown City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 20th, due to the tornado damage that occurred on the 19th. Updates regarding operations for next week will be posted when available. The Coliseum, located at 20 West State Street, will be closed until further notice. [source](#)
- The Red Cross has set up a station across from the Fire Station for any citizens that have immediate shelter needs. <https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/>
- The Red Cross has set up at the YMCA. [source](#)
- The Emergency Food Box, 109 S 3rd St, Marshalltown, is open. [source](#)
- We wound up with 28 people overnight in our @GreaterIA_ARC #RedCross shelter at the @MeskwakiCasino-Hotel last night in Tama. [source](#)

Polk County

- Bondurant: [facebook](#)
July 20:
 - Bondurant Recovery Assistance Center - American Legion Hall 315 2nd St NW. You will need a Bondurant ID or vehicle registration to enter the secured area [source](#)
 - If you need help with debris cleanup, please contact City Hall at 515.967.2418. [source](#)
 - If you have found personal items that may belong to a tornado victim, please bring those items to Bondurant City Hall at 200 2nd St NE [source](#)

Volunteers Reporting

Alice, Aline, Cat, Chris, Crystal, Marielena

