



## **Media Statement**

### **July 15, 2026**

Cleanup efforts continue across the tornado-affected areas of Becker County as communities work toward recovery. The significant progress made so far has been possible through the dedication and collaboration of community partners, residents, and volunteers. While much has been accomplished, cleanup efforts are expected to continue in the weeks ahead.

### **Local Disaster Property Tax Abatements**

The Becker County Assessor's Office is reviewing properties damaged by the confirmed tornado on July 6, 2026. Homeowners whose property sustained damage may qualify for a property tax reduction through the Local Option Disaster Relief Abatement Program. [Local Option Disaster Relief Application](#)

Property owners in the affected areas are encouraged to complete a Local Option Disaster Relief Application and return it to the Becker County Assessor's Office at:

Becker County Assessor's Office  
915 Lake Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Applications may also be emailed to [bcdrr@beckercountymn.gov](mailto:bcdrr@beckercountymn.gov). Please refer to the attached *Disaster Relief Qualification Sheet for eligibility requirements and additional information*.

For questions, contact the Becker County Assessor's Office at **(218) 846-7300**.

### **Becker County Disaster Fund**

Managed by Mahube-Otwa  
1125 West River Road  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
(218) 847-1385

Residents impacted by the tornado who are seeking financial assistance may apply for disaster relief funds [Application for Assistance](#)

Donations to assist tornado recovery efforts may be made at:

Bell Bank  
920 Lake Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501



## **Free Debris Removal Assistance**

Team Rubicon currently has approximately 30 volunteers deployed in Becker County to assist residents affected by the recent tornado. The organization provides chainsaw work and removal of vegetative debris **at no cost to homeowners**.

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. Their mission is to support communities in need and help build resilience through volunteer service. All assistance provided by Team Rubicon is free of charge. [Leading Humanitarian Aid Organization in the US | Team Rubicon](#)

Residents interested in requesting assistance from Team Rubicon are encouraged to contact # (218) 815-0159. Team Rubicon was able to complete 13 site visits on July 14, 2026, and complete 2 work orders.

Becker County sends thanks to the many residents, community organizations, partner agencies, and volunteers who have come together to support recovery efforts following the July 6 tornado. The continued generosity, hard work, and commitment of those involved have played a vital role in helping affected individuals and families begin the recovery process. Becker County is grateful for the ongoing support as cleanup and rebuilding efforts continue.

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