



# POLK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## INSPECTIONS OF BIRDLAND HOMES AND BUSINESSES TO BEGIN

On the afternoon of Monday, June 16 teams comprised of City of Des Moines Building Inspectors and Polk County Environmental Health staff will begin inspecting the homes and businesses that were evacuated in the Birdland neighborhood. They will be examining building safety and public health factors to determine which families and business owners will be allowed to re-enter their premises safely. All homes and business in the evacuated area will be inspected.

A "Family and Business Assistance Center" will be established for families and business owners' whose properties have been identified as safe. The Family and Business Assistance Center will be in **Union Park, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue (in the shelter by the wading pool)**. Residents who have had to evacuate their homes due to flooding in unincorporated Polk County will also be served at the Family and Business Assistance Center and are encouraged to go to Union Park at this time. Inspections of these homes will be made once flood waters recede.

People who come to the "Family and Business Assistance Center" will be able to receive:

- Clean-up kits
- Gloves, masks, and goggles
- Sun screen
- Inspect repellent
- Educational information about proper clean-up after a flood
- Tetanus shots
- Bottled water

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Families will be able to enroll, on site, in the following Polk County programs

- General assistance
- Chore program
- Emergency repair
- Transportation

A mental health counselor will also be available at the location.

The Family and Business Assistance Center will open at 3pm today. The hours of the Assistance Center will be **8am-6pm.**

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