

Recovery Assistance Available for You

Disaster Assistance Programs Available to You If you have any questions or need further information on aid that is available, please contact Congressman Braley's Waterloo office at 319-287-3233. FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is the primary agency that deals with disaster assistance. Two different types of assistance are offered:

- Housing Needs: provides temporary housing, repair and replacement of homes
- Other Than Housing Needs: other assistance including medical and clothing

More Information: Go to www.fema.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) The deadline to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is September 27, 2008 **USDA Agricultural Aid:** Farm Service Agency may make emergency loans to farmers and ranchers who were operating a farm or ranch at the time of the disaster **More Information:** Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or call the Iowa FSA at 515-254-1540 **Housing and Urban Development:** Offers foreclosure relief, loan guarantee assistance and makes insurance available for mortgages and home rehabilitation **More Information:** Visit www.hud.gov/info/disasterresources_dev.cfm **Crisis Counseling:** Provides assistance for short-term crisis counseling **More information:** Call 1-800-308-3515 or e-mail DTAC@esi-dc.com **Disaster Unemployment Assistance:** Provides unemployment benefits and re-employment services to individuals who have become unemployed because of major disasters **More information:** <http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp> **Financial Services:** Some banks permit early withdraws of time deposits without penalty. Contact your local financial institution to determine eligibility **Legal Services:** FEMA provides free legal assistance to disaster victims **More information:** Call 877-396-6248 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. central time **Special Tax Considerations:** You may be able to deduct a casualty loss on your federal income tax return. You should save all food, travel and lodging receipts to ensure your tax deduction. Contact the IRS for more information. **Small Business Administration Disaster Loans:** Offers federally subsidized, low-interest loans for homeowners and renters to repair or replace homes, personal property or businesses **More information:** Call 1-800-659-2955 or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.