

Province Activates Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians in Township of Greater Madawaska

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Township of Greater Madawaska - Ontario has notified the Township of Madawaska that it has activated the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program in storm affected areas.

On September 21, 2018, a severe thunderstorm produced a tornado that developed over Calabogie with winds estimated to be at speeds of up to 175 km/h. This storm was part of the same weather system that produced two other tornadoes in the Ottawa area.

The disaster assistance program applies to a primary residence and its basic contents, or to a small business, farm or not-for-profit organization. It provides assistance for emergency expenses and the costs to repair or replace essential property following a natural disaster that are not covered by insurance. To find out if they are in the activation area and for next steps, individuals and businesses should review the [maps](#) and program guidelines available at ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance, or call 1-844-780-8925 or email disasterassistance@ontario.ca after speaking with their private insurance provider. Residents will have until January 25, 2019 to apply for assistance through the program.

"I'd like to thank the Township of Greater Madawaska for working closely with my ministry to assess the areas impacted by the tornado. This will allow people to quickly determine if they are eligible to apply for provincial disaster assistance for costs not covered by insurance," said Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark. "Insurance providers and the government will need photographs of damage, and receipts for expenses and repairs - so I urge affected residents to keep track of everything. It will speed up application processes."

Event type: Tornado

Event date: September 21, 2018

Application deadline: January 25, 2019

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