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**SUBJECT: Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontario Announcement**

Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontario has been activated by the Province of Ontario. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Mauro toured some of the affected area today and made the announcement at a press conference at approximately 4:00 pm.

Affected individuals, small businesses, farmers and not-for-profit organizations who have experienced property damage or loss as a result of the flooding may be eligible to receive help with expenses.

Those affected are encouraged to visit the Ministry website as more information and detailed program guidelines are available: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page15367.aspx> or call toll-free 1-844-780-8925.

**It is important that affected property owners, begin to document the damage to their property.**

**What Kinds of Documents are required to Support an Application**

Applicants are required to provide evidence that their property was damaged in the flooding, including documentation for emergency expenses or repair or replacement of essential property.

It is important to take photographs to record the damage to property, including both interior and exterior views, and to photograph all damaged items before they are discarded. If practical, retain samples of damaged materials.

Information and documents needed to support an application may include:

- Proof of your identity and address
- Photographs of damage to your property
- Records of hours you spent on emergency cleanup
- Copies of receipts and invoices for all costs incurred
- Estimates from qualified contractors for repairs that are not yet completed
- A letter from your insurance company that details the type and cause of damage or loss, the amount that was covered under insurance, and the reason any portion of the damage or loss was not covered

Inadequate documentation in support of items eligible under the program guidelines, may limit the amount of financial assistance available.

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