

Local Disaster Declaration (July 27, 2026, Storm Event)

At the August 3, 2026, Village Board meeting, Mayor Dodge and the Village Board issued a Local Disaster Declaration for Orland Park in response to the severe thunderstorms and an EF-0 tornado that impacted the community on July 27, 2026.

What this means for residents and businesses

The Village is coordinating with the Cook County Department of Emergency Management & Regional Security (EMRS) and IEMA-OHS Region 4 on assessments and next steps; where warranted, the process could include a Governor's proclamation and potential federal programs (FEMA Public Assistance/Individual Assistance, SBA).

How you can help — Cook County Residential Damage Survey

Cook County's Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS), in partnership with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency—Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS), is asking residents affected by the July 27, 2026, thunderstorms and tornadoes to complete a brief Residential Damage Assessment Survey. Your input will help local and state partners understand the extent of impacts and evaluate options for additional assistance.

- Participation is voluntary, is not a substitute for filing an insurance claim, and does not guarantee disaster relief.
- Who should respond: If your household experienced storm impacts such as power outages, downed lines, tree/debris issues, localized roadway flooding, or structural damage, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. EMRS regional coordinators have already visited impacted neighborhoods across Cook County to begin assessments; the resident survey adds vital, location-specific details to that work.
- How to respond and deadline: The survey is available online and closes Wednesday, August 5, 2026. You can fill it out at the [Illinois Residential Self-Assessment Survey](#):
- The County will continue coordinating with suburban municipal partners, and the State of Illinois, as it analyzes reported damages and explores any available assistance for residents.

Next steps

- The Village will continue field operations and compile a comprehensive damage/cost summary. The Village will maintain ongoing coordination with Cook County EMRS and
- IEMA-OHS to determine eligibility for assistance and will inform residents as additional resources become available.