



## **Burnett County Emergency Management**

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On July 1, 2011 several hundred housing units stretching across Burnett, Douglas and Washburn Counties sustained varying levels of damage due to high winds and falling debris. The Counties of Burnett, Douglas and Washburn are considering a joint application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing, that would provide assistance to eligible owner-occupied housing units whose homes are underinsured or uninsured and sustained damage from the July 1 storm.

The proposed housing application must contain information that identifies homes damaged by the July 1 storm, types of housing repair needed, and any financial needs owners may be facing due to a gap in insurance payments and bid estimates. The level of need for housing repairs attributed to the July 1 storm is critical to the success of funding being available to assist qualifying applicants make necessary repairs to their homes.

Owner-occupied residents in Burnett, Douglas and Washburn Counties whose homes were damaged by the July 1 storm are encouraged to contact Northwest Regional Planning Commission at 715-635-2197 or 1-800-891-3042. Information regarding damage to homes and financial assistance will be collected and your name will be placed on a waiting list for application should the counties receive funding assistance to repair owner-occupied homes.