



Vilas County

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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 28, 2010

Time: 12:30p.m.

LAC DU FLAMBEAU EMERGENCY SHELTER OPENS WARMING CENTERS REMAIN AVAILABLE

Due to the continued loss of electrical power for Vilas County residents, the Lac du Flambeau Elementary School will be opened at 5pm today by the American Red Cross as an emergency shelter. This shelter will be opened tonight with the determination to be made in the morning as to whether it will remain open on Friday. Signage will be located on the entry doors and registration is required upon arrival.

Lac du Flambeau Elementary School

2899 State Hwy 47

Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Hours of operation: 5pm to 8am

Public shelters are a temporary refuge for those seeking a safe, warm place to stay overnight. You should be aware that shelters offer minimal necessities and can be noisy. If you need to go to a public shelter bring the following items:

- ◆ All medications
- ◆ Baby items (food, formula, diapers)
- ◆ Pillow and a blanket
- ◆ Towels

Pets are not allowed except for service animals. Do not bring TV's or radios.

Shelters located at the Northland Pines High School and the Arbor Vitae/Woodruff Elementary School has been closed.

Contact Michelle Fenske, American Red Cross, at 715-499-2312 with questions regarding the shelters.

Warming Centers

Community fire departments are making their facilities available on an "on call" basis for use as warming centers to those residents without power. Anyone wishing to utilize their local fire department as a warming center needs to call the Vilas County Sheriff's Office at 715-479-4441. Dispatch will contact the appropriate fire department for use.

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