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RED CROSS OFFERING FREE CLEAN-UP KITS IN WATERTOWN

Mayor Joseph M. Butler, Jr., is pleased to announce that the American Red Cross is working in close coordination with local officials and community partners to help people affected by flooding this week in Jefferson County. Residents working to clean up from flood damage can pick up free clean-up kits from the Red Cross beginning Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m.

The clean-up kits contain supplies such as mops, bleach, gloves and other cleaning products. Kits will be available at the American Red Cross North Country Chapter, 203 North Hamilton Street, in Watertown. Residents are welcome to visit the chapter and pick up a kit any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1.

Anyone in need of further assistance due to flood damage should call the Red Cross Emergency Communications Center at (800) 831-0927, ext. 1.

The Red Cross is also reminding residents about flood safety, and encourages anyone affected by flooding to follow these tips:

- Avoid contact with floodwater, and never attempt to walk, swim or drive through flooded areas.
- Don't use gas or electrical appliances that have been flooded, until they have been checked for safety.
- Dispose of any food that comes into contact with flood water.
- Listen to local area radio, NOAA radio, or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- If evacuated, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- When cleaning up, wear protective clothing including rubber gloves and rubber boots.
- Pump out flooded basements gradually to avoid structural damage.

For more flood safety tips, visit [redcross.org/prepare](https://www.redcross.org/prepare) or download the free Red Cross Emergency App.

All Red Cross assistance is provided free of charge and made possible by the generosity of the public. To donate to Red Cross Disaster Relief and help people affected by disasters big and small, visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. To join the Red Cross as a disaster responder, visit [redcross.org/volunteer](https://www.redcross.org/volunteer).

For further information or questions, contact the Mayor's Office at 785-7720.