

Flooding Update:

Parma, Parma Heights and North Royalton are working with the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) to assess the overall damage caused by Friday's flooding. All three cities bore the brunt of last week's storm.

The news media reported Parma received 4.1 inches of rain in less than an hour, primarily impacting the southwestern portion of the city. The National Weather Service, meanwhile, found spikes in the rainfall rates of about 5.5 inches per hour in parts of south Parma.

Officials from the three cities met Monday at Parma City Hall with the county's OEM team, NEORS officials and a representative from Congressman Anthony Gonzalez's office to discuss the aftermath of the storm and potential resources for residents and businesses hit by flooding.

Conducting a damage assessment in the communities is important for seeking potential state and federal assistance. County and city officials, however, caution that qualifying for those resources requires a high-cost damage threshold for residences and businesses. While it is extremely doubtful last week's flooding damage will meet the necessary criteria, the county and the three cities, nevertheless, are trying to determine whether costs associated with the flooding will trigger the high standard for receiving state and federal aid.

In making that determination, the county's OEM team has been visiting the area to assess the damage. Further, Parma is asking its residents and businesses impacted by the flooding to [complete this form](#) and email it to service@cityofparma-oh.gov. This data will help the county and city calculate the total flooding damage.

The county has illustrated the [flood damage levels](#) used by federal officials to meet the high standard for receiving assistance. Please pay attention to these standards. For example, minor damage in a home, according to these guidelines, is a waterline that reaches up to 18 inches in an essential living space or damage to mechanical components, such as furnaces, water heaters and HVACs.

Additionally, the county has provided information on [flood insurance](#).

To learn about how Parma is working with its partners to address flooding issues, click the links on the [Service Department](#) page in the blue box (right side) just below "Water Summit 2019."

Parma service crews are continuing to work extended hours this week to pick up flood-damaged property from tree lawns. Residents can call the Service Garage at 440-885-8184 to leave an address for collection.