



# Public Information

## Schemes Available for Those Affected by Recent Flooding

December 2015 to January 2016

### Support for Householders: Humanitarian Assistance Scheme

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme, which is means tested, is available to assist all



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people whose homes are damaged by flooding and who are not in a position to meet costs for essential needs, household items and in some instances structural repair. Assistance can be provided to non-Social Welfare recipients and even persons on higher income may be eligible to receive some support under the scheme.

More information is available on the Department's website

[www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Humanitarian-Assistance-Scheme.aspx](http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Humanitarian-Assistance-Scheme.aspx)

Athlone, Co. Westmeath	(090) 6449650
Co. Clare, Co. Limerick	(061) 436010, (061) 436027
Co. Cork, Co. Kerry	(021) 4805475
Co. Galway	(091) 536773
Co. Mayo	(094) 9063707
Co. Sligo, Co. Leitrim, Co. Donegal	(071) 9113765
Co. Cavan, Co. Louth, Co. Monaghan	(042) 9392686
Counties Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny, North and South Tipperary	(057) 9318543
Co. Waterford	(051) 356000
Co. Wexford	(053) 9165400
Co. Wicklow	(01) 2117958
Co. Carlow	086 8371159

## Supports for the Farming Community

### Animal Welfare

**Helpline: Callsave: 0761 064408 or 01 607 2379**

The Department's Animal Welfare Helpline is operational for farmers in need of emergency support where there is potential for animal welfare issues e.g. the provision of emergency fodder



- **Temporary Movement of Livestock**

The Department has relaxed a number of the rules around the movement of animals where the welfare of lives of animals is threatened. Herd Owners should contact the Animal Welfare helpline or their local Veterinary office for further details.

- **Flooded Slurry tanks**

The Department has put in place special arrangements in the event of flooding of slurry tanks in severely flooded areas. Farmers should contact their local Department office for guidance.

**Teagasc advisory Helpline: Call save 0761 113555**

Farmers impacted by flooding are also advised to keep in touch with their Teagasc Adviser for advice.

- **Fodder Aid Scheme** This new scheme will provide support for uninsured loss of silage, hay, straw and concentrate

## Support for Small Business, Community, Voluntary and Sporting Bodies



If your business or organisation has been unable to obtain flood insurance, a humanitarian support contribution to cover uninsured damage to buildings, contents or equipment may be available, subject to terms and conditions.

Two temporary government support schemes are being administered by the Irish Red Cross

- Small Business (less than 20 employees, and trading in a rateable premises)
- Community, Voluntary and Sporting Bodies

An immediate payment of €5000 may be made. Where there is significant damage over €5000, a further payment up to a cap of €20,000 may be made after a detailed assessment.

**Email the Red Cross at [emergencyflooding2015@redcross.ie](mailto:emergencyflooding2015@redcross.ie) or call 01-6424600**