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**Borrow Moisture Meters from [Name of Extension Office]**

*Nebraska Extension is lending moisture meters to those affected by flooding.*

[CITY, STATE, *Date*]- Nebraska Extension is lending moisture meters to property owners recovering from recent severe storms and flooding. These handheld tools can help identify water damage and ensure structures are dry enough to make repairs.

After a storm, water damage can be obvious or hidden within walls and floors. It is important that structures completely dry out before repairs begin; starting too soon can trap moisture, leading to rot and mold growth. Materials that are porous and/or organic, like wood, insulation, and drywall, are especially likely to retain water. Using a moisture meter helps determine how much moisture remains and where it is located. If a building has been severely impacted by storms or flooding, it is recommended that it be professionally evaluated.

[Name of Extension Office] has [# of moisture meters at your location] moisture meters available for checkout. To borrow one, contact the office at [phone # of location]. A refundable deposit of [$ number] is required.

Directions for using the meters are available in English and Spanish. Request printed directions when checking out a meter or visit <https://disaster.unl.edu/home-health-and-safety/cleaning-after-disaster/>.

“Nebraska Extension is committed to being a responsive, locally valued partner in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery in all 93 Nebraska counties,” said Dave Varner, associate dean and director of Nebraska Extension. “Regardless of what Mother Nature does, we are dedicated to helping Nebraskans co-create a better tomorrow.”

Nebraska Extension provides a wide range of disaster recovery resources online. For information on safely cleaning up mold and other hazards following a storm, visit <https://disaster.unl.edu>.

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