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DATE: 06/22/2012

NATURE OF INCIDENT: WLSSD Offers Free Disposal to Aid in Flood Clean-up Efforts

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE :06/22/2012

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: Residents in the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

SUBJECT: WLSSD Offers Free Disposal to Aid in Flood Clean-up Efforts

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

To aid area residents in flood clean-up efforts, the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) has implemented an interim plan to help residents manage flood damaged household materials. WLSSD will waive disposal fees for flood damaged household materials at the Materials Recovery Center on Rice Lake Road through Monday June 25, 2012. WLSSD will also expand hours of operation at the Materials Recovery Center through Monday. The facility will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

- The following items will be accepted free of charge, separate loads by category:
- Electronics- TVs, VCR/DVD players, computer components, etc.)
- Appliances- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, stoves (remove and dispose of spoiled food in your household trash service)
- Vegetative Debris- sticks, stumps, branches
- Household Hazardous Waste- paints, stains, chemicals, pesticides
- Mixed Waste (bulky items)- carpet, padding, furniture, drywall, and other damaged materials

Flood damaged debris will be accepted free of charge for disposal at the Materials Recovery Center Monday June 25, 2012. A plan for future assistance will be released on soon.

Local waste haulers can also be contracted for a fee to pick up material from residential customers.

Once damaged debris has been removed from homes, residents are encouraged to take care to properly clean any items or areas that were exposed to flood waters. There is potential to exposure to disease causing organisms from both storm water and sewage backups. Please reference dps.mn.gov or health.state.mn.us for guidance on proper cleaning and sanitizing.

Area residents should contact the WLSSD HOTLINE at 722-0761 with questions about proper disposal.

The Western Lake Superior Sanitary District provides regional solid waste services for northeastern Minnesota and operates it wastewater treatment plant in Lincoln Park-Duluth.