



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
April 21, 2025

The City of Columbia experienced a severe weather event beginning on Sunday, April 20, 2025 which caused damage associated with tornados, straight line winds, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding, and adversely impacted the City of Columbia and its residents.

Amongst damage to private property, the severe weather event caused catastrophic damage to the city landfill operated by the Utilities Department. The material recovery facility was demolished, electric lines were downed, and operations at the Bioenergy Plant and bioreactor landfill were disabled. In addition, extensive damage occurred at Cosmo Park from wind and flooding and electric transmission lines were toppled.

Because such operations are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, I am hereby issuing a declaration of emergency within the City, effective immediately.

In connection with this declaration of emergency, the solid waste utility shall cease the provision of all recycling services until such time as an alternative provider for the acceptance of solid waste recyclable materials which meets the needs of the City may be identified, or a new material recovery facility is constructed and operational.

In addition, operation of the bioreactor landfill shall be temporarily suspended along with operation of the Bioenergy Plant until such time as repairs to such facilities occur to ensure efficient and safe operation of the plant.

Emergency clean-up operations shall commence at Cosmo Park and utility services restored in areas damaged by the severe weather event with the use of mutual aid as deemed necessary by the applicable department head.

Residents needing assistance shall be identified and provided with a list of available resources to aid in recovery as needed to ensure protection of their safety and welfare.

Dated April 21, 2025.

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City Manager