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Alderman Wade Asks Neighbors to Look in on Elderly and Disabled for Basement Help

With mold growth and related potentially serious health concerns a critical issue in homes where flooded basements have not been addressed, **Alderman Willie C. Wade** is asking Milwaukeeans to check on elderly and disabled neighbors as soon as possible.

“To be honest, many elderly property owners may be just too overwhelmed to know where to start with a flooded basement,” said Alderman Wade, whose 7th Aldermanic District included neighborhoods that received nine inches of rain in approximately two hours time on July 22.

“They (elderly and disabled property owners and tenants) could also be too proud to ask for help, but in this scenario, not asking for help could end up costing folks their lives,” he said.

The alderman today is putting out a plea for neighbors, churches, Block Watch groups, neighborhood organizations, and even troops of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to scour neighborhoods for homes and buildings where basements are in need of cleanup.

“Right now Milwaukee is being tested for sure, and it’s time we get together and try to help those who need our help the most,” Alderman Wade said.

Residents and business owners are being asked to continue calling **414-286-2489(CITY)** to report flooded basements, structural issues caused by the flooding, and reports of other damage.

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