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Ald. Bob Donovan  
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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Explosion Generates Need For Window Help For Neighborhood Residents; City To Respond**

As he surveyed neighborhood damage caused by this morning's massive explosion at the Falk Corporation, **Ald. Bob Donovan** said it quickly became apparent to him that a major effort is needed to repair and board up broken windows on homes and businesses.

The alderman, whose 8<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District includes the Falk plant, walked through the neighborhood located just south of the plant location this morning and saw windows blown out on "several homes and businesses." "There are 10-foot windows blown out on at least two stores at (S.) 36<sup>th</sup> and (W.) National, and several homes have lost windows here, too," the alderman said during a cell phone call just after 11 a.m.

"There's glass everywhere," he said.

After consulting with Commissioner Jeff Mantes of the Department of Public Works, Ald. Donovan said he's confirmed that the City of Milwaukee is making a **window service crew** available on a limited first-come, first-served basis to do window board ups. The city will assess the property owner \$60/hour for labor plus \$21 per 6 x 8 sheet of plywood. Larger windows that need framing done are also charged \$6 per 2 x 4. Property owners interested in this service should call **286-8222** for more information.

**NOTE:** Property owners may want to review their insurance policies before calling for possible window assistance from the city. **\*ADDITIONAL LABOR CHARGE:** A labor agreement requires the city to charge a minimum of nearly **\$180** (plus cost of materials) for any window work performed by city carpenters called from home after normal working hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**WHAT: Limited help with broken windows**

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