











NEBRASKA LIFELINE ENHANCEMENTS

To more effectively define incident impacts, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has enhanced the Community Lifelines tools. The previous Lifeline structure defined Lifeline status into three categories (and “unknown”). The enhanced Lifeline structure will provide a more accurate understanding of the scope of the impact by dividing it into two additional categories.

ENHANCED LIFELINE STRUCTURE

	Gray indicates the status is unknown. There is no clear understanding of the extent of a disruption and impact to response and survivors.
	Green is stable. No disruption to services to survivors; or impacts to capabilities are anticipated, resourced, and managed.
	Yellow indicates minor instability. A disruption to services has been identified. Limited/minimal impacts to response & survivors. Rarely threat to life & property; typically results in inconveniences.
	Orange indicates moderate instability: A significant disruption to services has been identified. The impact is often threatening life & property. Services are functional, but in a limited or delayed capacity.
	Red indicates major instability: Extensive damage likely; life-saving actions needed. Major disruptions to service for significant populated or geographical area. Full service restoration expected to take multiple operational periods.
	Purple indicates extreme instability: Widespread severe property damage; life-saving actions needed; extreme disruptions. Near-total failure of this Lifeline group, with no projected timeline on repairs, mitigation of hazard, or sustainable plan of action. Existing resources completely overwhelmed, exhausted, or unavailable.

PREVIOUS LIFELINE STRUCTURE

			
Gray indicates the status is unknown. There is no clear understanding of the extent of a disruption & impact to response and survivors.	Green is stable. No disruption to services to survivors; or impacts to capabilities are anticipated, resourced, & managed.	Yellow is functional but inadequate for stability of a consistent level of service. A solution to the disruption has been identified & converted into a plan of action, resourced, & implemented. Limited impacts to response & survivors.	Red is the most unstable or completely inadequate level of service. Requirements & solutions are not identified and/or there is no plan to deliver the solutions. Significant limiting factors may inhibit response.