
DEKALB COUNTY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RAINFALL CAUSING DAMAGE IN DEKALB COUNTY

DECATUR – CEO Burrell Ellis and Public Safety Director William Miller announced that DeKalb County is experiencing widespread damage throughout the County from heavy rainfall. Please note the latest information from DeKalb County:

Flooding

Nancy Creek Flood Stage = 11'
 Currently = 13'3"
 Forecast = 13'5"

Peachtree Creek Flood Stage = 17'
 Currently = 20'6"
 Forecast = 24'2"

Yellow River Flood Stage = 11'
 Currently = 11'9"
 Forecast = 20'

Warning #1 - Expecting 4 inches of rain in the local area; however 6 inches or more is expected in North Georgia. The 6 inches will impact the creeks by making them overflow quickly. People in the areas of these creeks and other low lying areas should be prepared to evacuate quickly.

Warning #2 – Parents are warned to keep children away from standing or rushing water. Water conditions can turn dangerous at a moments notice and children out playing outside can be washed away.

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Evacuations

- Twenty families were evacuated due to flooding from Casa Mia Apartments (North Central portion of DeKalb off of Henderson Mill near Mercer University Drive).
- Nine families have been displaced from Drake Avenue (Eastern portion of DeKalb near Stephenson Road).

Power Outages

- Approximately 600 people throughout the county are without power and there are still some downed power lines.

Road Closures

- Shadow Rock Drive at Mystery Valley Drive due to flooding, road washed away.
- North Deshon Road at Waters Edge Subdivision due to flooding/bridge out.
- Scott Circle (all of the 900 block) due to flooding.
- 5453 Park Drive Road blocked by tree.
- Redan Road due to flooding.
- Stewart Mill Road due to flooding near woods.
- Hambrick Road at Village Square due to flooding.
- Mountain Oaks Parkway at South Deshon due to flooding.
- 2099 Gunstock Road at Silver Hill Road due to the bank of the road washed out.
- Chamblee Tucker at Presidential Parkway due to a cave-in (sinkhole).
- 5453 Park Drive near Pine Lake due to a downed tree.
- 1190 West Druid Hills Road due to flooding.
- North Redan Circle near Martin Road due to flooding.
- Simone Way at Simone Drive due to flooding.
- Clairmont Road at Clairmont Way due to flooding.
- Woodcreek at Midvale due to flooding.

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- Stonehaven Drive at South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road due to flooding.
- Bowers Road at the Gwinnett County Line due to flooding.
- Highway 78 in both directions (cross street is Hugh Howell) due to a mudslide.
- 7731 Horseshoe Bend at Rockbridge Road due to flooding.
- Drake Avenue at Stephenson Road due to flooding (9 out of 27 homes flooded).
- Norris Lake Road at Norris Lake Drive due to flooding.
- Willivee Drive at Hunting Valley Drive due to flooding.
- Beech Haven Road due to a downed tree.
- McAfee at Dellwood Place due to flooding.
- Union Grove Road at Harmony Lakes due to the bridge being out.
- North Peachtree Road at Peachtree Industrial Blvd due to flooding.

Water Main Breaks

- There has been a water main break in the Hugh Howell/Smokerise area of DeKalb County, but we are hearing that it has been repaired with little to no loss of water pressure.

Red Cross

- Red Cross is assisting with and providing aid to families affected by the flooding.
- Red Cross has fielded phone calls from residents with further assessments to be completed.
- Those affected by the flooding are encouraged to seek shelter and assistance from family members if possible.

Accidents

- Tractor-trailer accident at 285 exit ramp to Chamblee Tucker has been cleared.

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- Police Department personnel staffing is being handled by normal staff with 20 police recruits on standby.
- All Criminal Investigation Division evening watch staff will be outfitted in uniform until further notice to assist with handling the backlog of calls.
- John’s Creek Fire Department and the Department of Natural Resources have been put on standby for possible use of their boats.

Gas Leaks

- No gas leaks have been reported at this time.

Emergency Contact Information

- 911 for all Emergencies
- American Red Cross at (866) 724-3577
- Salvation Army at 211

This information will be updated as new information is received.

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