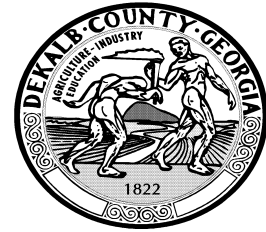


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UPDATE ON RAINFALL DAMAGES IN DEKALB COUNTY

DECATUR – Please note the latest information on widespread damages throughout the County from heavy rainfall. Four major tributaries currently affecting the county are Nancy Creek, Peachtree Creek, Yellow River and South River. All have receded with the exception of the Yellow River, which currently measures 22.45' (double the flood stage).

Homes in the Harmony Hills area have experienced moderate flooding. Additional homes could experience flooding if the Yellow River continues to rise.

In the event of more flooding, citizens in those areas are encouraged to evacuate. In addition, citizens should pack and carry all needed medications, pets, and personal items, and make arrangements to stay with friends and family. DeKalb County has prepared a shelter for displaced citizens that require assistance.

The following area is open to receive displaced citizens:

Clairmont Presbyterian Church at 1994 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30345.
For additional information and assistance, call (678) 406-7850 or (678) 406-7853.

Emergency Contact Information

- 911 for all Emergencies
- American Red Cross at (866) 724-3577
- Salvation Army at 211
- Flooding and weather questions (770) 270-0413

Citizens should continue to monitor the local news and The Weather Channel. You can also log onto the National Weather Service for current updates.

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Citizens should note the following warnings:

Warning #1 – Keep children and pets away from the flood waters due to contaminates and displaced snakes and rodents. Parents are especially warned to keep children away from river banks and standing or rushing water. Water conditions can turn dangerous at a moments notice and children out playing can be washed away.

Warning #2 – Drivers should be wary of road collapses.

Citizens who have experienced damages should contact their insurance company. Also, be wary of people soliciting business (use known contractor and/or check all references or the Better Business Bureau before paying to have work done.)

Road Closures

- Shadow Rock Drive at Mystery Valley Drive due to flooding, road washed away.
- Shadow Rock Drive at Hightower Road due to flooding.
- 5453 Park Drive Road blocked by tree but passable.
- 5131 Redan Road at Redan Way due to flooding.
- Hambrick Road at Village Square due to flooding.
- Mountain Oaks Parkway at South Deshon due to flooding.
- North Redan Circle near Martin 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.
- Union Grove Road at Harmony Lakes due to the bridge being out.
- Buckeye Road at Chamblee Tucker Road due to flooding.
- Larkspur Terrace at West Austin due to downed tree.
- Leather Stocking at Smoke Rise due to downed tree.
- Oxford Road at Lullwater Road due to flooding.
- Pleasant Hill Road at Union Grove Road due to flooding.
- Weelaunee Road at Flakes Mill Road due to flooding.