

April 18, 2011

Raleigh Issues Storm Aftermath Assessment

Property Damage

The City of Raleigh has suspended regular inspections of buildings to allow the staff to complete assessments of structures damaged in the April 16 storms.

At least 63 single-family homes were destroyed. City of Raleigh Inspections staff report that 184 homes received major damage and 851 received minor damage. Eight multi-family homes received minor damage.

While one commercial establishment was destroyed, 11 suffered major damage and 22 received minor damage.

Debris Clean-Up

Approximately 30 City interdepartmental crews from the Parks and Recreation, Public Utilities and Public Works departments were called in on Sunday to begin the debris removal. These crews are working 24-hours a day in 12-hour shifts.

Many of the hardest hit areas are served by overhead utilities and many of the down trees are entangled in electric lines. The City is working closely with Progress Energy to get these lines grounded so that crews can safely remove the debris and power can be restored.

The City is estimating the amount of storm debris that needs to be collected is 160,000 cubic yards. Once all the primary thoroughfares have been opened and power has been restored, the City will distribute a special debris collection for the hardest hit areas of Raleigh.

The City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center, 900 N. New Hope Road was opened on Sunday to accept all storm debris. The normal disposal fee has been waived for all home owners and contractors. For more information, contact the Yard Waste Center at 250-2728.

Residents may take debris to any one of Wake County's 11 convenience center. There is no charge. The disposal sites are at the following addresses:

- 10505 Old Stage Road, Raleigh;

- 6025 Old Smithfield Road, Apex;
- 266 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville;
- 3600 Yates Mill Pond Road, Raleigh;
- 8401 Battle Bridge Road, Raleigh;
- 3913 Lillie Liles Road, Wake Forest;
- 9008 Deponie Drive, Raleigh;
- 2001 Durham Road (NC 98), Wake Forest;
- 3337 New Hill-Holleman Road, New Hill;
- 5216 Knightdale – Eagle Rock Road, Knightdale; and,
- 5051 Wendell Blvd, Wendell.

Businesses operators should contact one of the following debris disposal companies for assistance with debris removal:

- Apex C&D Waste Transfer Facility, 795-0599;
- Capital Waste C&D Transfer Station, 795-0599;
- Highway 55 C&D Landfill, 367-2895;
- Material Recovery/Brownfield Road C&D Landfill, 866-1211'
- Red Rock Disposal, 557-9583;
- Shotwell Landfill, 795-0599;
- Thornton Road Transfer Station, 795- 0599;
- WCA Material Reclamation. 866-1211; and,
- WCA Wake Transfer Station, 866-1211.

Transportation

The following streets remain closed:

- Edenton/Tarboro to Idlewild;
- Serendipity/Forest to Weir Way;
- Buffaloe/New Hope to Westminster; and,
- Carolina Pines/Henslow to Carolina Hills Stony Brook Trailer Park, Maywood/Sanders to Lake Wheeler.

Some residential streets remain closed as well. The City's priority is to open all streets as utilities are cleared. There are 30 traffic signals without power. Most of these are located in the southeast Downtown area. The City has installed temporary stop signage as appropriate.

Closed Greenway and Parks Facilities

The following greenways are closed:

- Lake Johnson Greenway;
- Lower Walnut Creek Greenway trail from Lake Wheeler Road to South Saunders Street;
- Rocky Branch Greenway trail from South McDowell Street to South Wilmington Street;
- Rocky Branch Greenway trail from Keeter Street to South Saunders Street;
- Chavis Way; and,
- Buckeye Greenway trail from Raleigh Boulevard to Milburnie Road access point.

The following facilities are closed:

- Carolina Pines Dog Park;
- Top Green Community Center;
- Sgt. Courtney T. Johnson Community Center; and,
- Carolina Pines Community Center.

For more information, contact the City's information line at 996-3000 or visit www.raleighnc.gov.

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