



## Road Closure Updates and Important Links

While most of the heavy rains have passed through the area, County and State officials are left with the task of dealing with flooding, road closures, sewer backups, evacuations, and power outages. As I toured the Springfield District last night and this morning there were many examples of our neighbors, first responders, county and state employees, and the private sector working together to get through the mess the storm caused.

Emergency declarations have been made for Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Fairfax County has fully activated their local emergency operations centers and Prince Williams is partially activated.

While the sun is currently shining the forecast calls for continued rain this afternoon and we should all remain vigilant for flooding. The [National Weather Service](#) is predicting more rain for Fairfax County today. The heaviest bands are expected this afternoon. Up to an inch of rain is possible.

Below I have included the information I have on continued road closures, schools, how to report damage, and other useful information. I have also included some of my observations and requests for assistance.

### Observations

As a lifelong resident of Fairfax County, I can honestly say this is the worst flooding I have seen since Hurricane Agnes hit the area in 1972. That said, with some exceptions the Springfield District seems to have weathered it fairly well. As you will see below we have road and bridge wash outs and some damage that will take some time to repair as well as many flooded basements to go along with the horror stories of the afternoon/evening commute. The severity of the storm caught most of us by surprise.

I was impressed by the way our community came together and helped each other get through the storm. A few shout outs from my personal observations as I traveled the Springfield District last night and this evening (too many to list all of them):

- Police Department - they were everywhere last night ensuring that flooded roads were properly marked so that our residents knew to "turn around and not drown" and back out this morning taking up barriers where it was safe.
- Fire and Rescue Department - from the many dangerous swift water rescues to providing sanctuary for the children on the lost school bus in Clifton.
- VDOT - were out early this AM clearing mud and debris from Newman Rd and other roads and planning the long term repairs that will be required.
- Cox - for Cox employees Patrick and Happy who creatively repaired service that used to be underground in a washed out road and helping a cutoff neighborhood gain foot access.

## **Request for Help**

Byron Park (home of West Springfield Little League) flooded last night with severe damage to the fields (debris and broken fences) and its concession stand was underwater. They are in need of used refrigerators and freezers to replace the damaged ones and they will have a work effort to clean up the park - volunteers welcome. A special thanks to the Fairfax County Park Authority for their timely assistance in getting the fields ready for use.

## **School System Update.**

All Fairfax County public schools will be open for activities on Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11, except for grass athletic fields, which will be closed for use. Artificial turf fields can be used.

## **Transportation and Road Closures**

Metro: Operating normal service with minor detours. Visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for details.

**Fairfax Connector:** Operating normal service with minor detours in south county. View Fairfax Connector Facebook and Twitter feeds for details.

**VRE:** Not operating

**Road Closures by Police District - this list is fluid and constantly changing. Those with an \*represent known washouts or damage they will require some time to repair.**

### **SULLY DISTRICT**

Walney Rd / Westfields At Bridge  
Walney Rd / Filling Game

### **MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT**

Old Mill & Cooper Rd

### **MCLEAN DISTRICT**

Swinks Mill Between Old Dominion & Rt 193  
Old Dominion Dr / 495

### **MASON DISTRICT**

Woodburn Rd / Spicewood  
Prosperity / Glenbrook

### **RESTON DISTRICT**

Rt 7 / Colvin Run  
Walker Rd / Walker Mill\*  
Beach Mill Rd / Between Utterback & Springvale Rd  
Leigh Mill Rd / Kelso Rd  
Carpers Farm Way / Rt 7  
Hunter Mill Rd / Chamberlain Dr\*  
Beech Mill Rd Between Olympia & Goldsmith\*  
Hunter Mill / Cedar Pond

### **FRANCONIA DISTRICT**

Rt 1 / Cook Inlet & Rt 7100  
Old Colchester Rd / Sewer Plant  
Essex Ave / Exmore St To Essex  
Telegraph Between Lockport Pl & Rt 7100  
Rt 7100 / Backlick Rd  
Telegraph Rd / NB ramp to Beltway

### **WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT**

Lorton / Between Windemere & Furnace\*  
Hillside / Moverly Ct & Cameo Sq\*  
Rutherford Park / Guinea  
Birch Cliff Dr / Hampton Rd  
Alban Rd / Terra Woods Dr  
Ramps to and from Fullerton Rd from Rt 7100 NB  
Rt 7100 / Boudinot  
Hooes Rd / Whitlers Creek Ct  
Lorton / Between 123 & Furnace  
9108 Ridgely Rd\*  
Birch Cliff Dr / Hampton Rd\*  
Alban Rd / Rolling Rd

### **FAIR OAKS DISTRICT**

Miller Rd / Westhurst Ln  
Fox Mill Rd / Fox Mill Manor  
Lawyers / Hunter Mill & Galloping Way  
Deerfield / Fox Mill Rd  
For a complete list, visit the [Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog](#).

### **Reporting Storm Drains and Sewer Backups.**

Storm drains may be backed up or clogged with debris as a result of current flood conditions. If you see a blocked storm drain or any other storm drainage system problem, use the [Storm Drainage Report Form](#), or call the Maintenance & Stormwater Management Division at 703-877-2800, TTY 711.

If sewage is backing up in your home, please call 703-323-1211 or 703-239-8444, TTY 711, and an inspector will be dispatched to determine whether the backup is caused by blockage in your sewer line or the county's.

If you observe an overflowing sanitary sewer manhole, or wish to report an odor related to the sanitary sewer system, please call 703-323-1211 or 703-239-8444, TTY 711.

The [Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog](#) and [The County's Alert webpage](#) are both being updated live with more information as it happens.

### **Power Outages.**

As of this morning, just under 5,000 homes were without power in Fairfax County. Below are links to Dominion and NOVEC where you can check on the status of outages.

***One final important note: Please do not attempt to cross roads with standing water. Many flood-related deaths occur because drivers are swept away when they attempt to traverse what looks like minor flooding.***

### ***Local Resources***

[Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management](#)

[Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management-Emergency Alert Sign Up](#)

[Dominion Virginia Power](#)

[Northern Virginia Electrical Cooperative](#)

### ***State Resources***

[The Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#)

[Virginia 511 Road Conditions](#)

### ***Federal Resources***

[The National Weather Service](#)

[The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)

[The Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)



Birch Cliff Road Washout



Hillside Road Washout