

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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HEAVY RAINFALL AND ROAD IMPACTS

It is estimated that Polk County has received approximately 6 to 10 inches of rainfall. There is a 90% chance of rainfall tonight with 1 to 2 new inches of rainfall possible. Continued rainfall could further impact roads and low-lying areas in the County. Severe road damage has occurred across the County. Emergency responders and County staff worked throughout the night to meet the needs of the public during this severe weather event.

The following are current road conditions reported to Emergency Management:

- Crystal Lakes W Rd. – local traffic only
- Dove Rd – no current updates, please contact Escapees at 936-327-1279
- Duff Rd at Menard Creek – proceed with caution
- Kitty Wells Rd – proceed with caution, extensive road damage, sinkholes, hazardous conditions
- Clark Springs St at Latimer – proceed with caution
- Yarbrough Loop -- proceed with caution, extensive road and shoulder damage
- Upper Leggett Rd --- sinkholes, hazardous conditions
- Redhorse Rd -- sinkholes, hazardous conditions
- River Lakes Rd -- possible highwater, hazardous conditions
- Stryker Rd/FM 352 --- proceed with caution
- FM 1276 @ Double A Lakes -- proceed with caution
- E FM 942 multiple locations -- proceed with caution
- 350 N -- clear

For TXDOT road conditions, monitor www.DriveTexas.org.

Due to heavy rainfall, a road washout occurred on the west side of Crystal Lakes Subdivision at Choates Creek and Crystal Lakes W located off US Hwy 190 E. The roadway was closed yesterday evening, as it was determined that it was not safe for vehicle and foot traffic. Residents on the west side of Crystal Lakes Subdivision were told to shelter-in-place until further notice.

County Road and Bridge departments started roadwork repair today, and Crystal Lakes W. Rd. is passable to local traffic only.

Remember to be cautious when driving, especially at night when visibility is limited and avoid flooded areas. Remember turn around, don't drown.

The Trinity River Authority has increased the discharge at Lake Livingston Dam to 71,672 CFS. For more information on the Lake Livingston Dam releases, visit their website <https://lakedata.traweb.net>.

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- Visit our website www.PolkCountyOEM.com
- Register with AlertMePolkCounty to receive emergency alerts from the Office of Emergency Management by visiting <https://polk.genasys.com/portal/en>.