



# MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### **Weather Damage Reported in Mississippi**

**Pearl** – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to receive reports of damages and injuries from counties across the state related to a severe spring storm system and possible tornadoes moving through the state.

A total of 10 fatalities related to the storm have been reported. Five deaths reported in Choctaw County, four deaths in Yazoo County and one death in Holmes County. Twenty-one residents were transported to area hospitals for treatment of injuries related to the storm.

Counties reporting damages to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl are as follows:

- Attala: Major damage to nine homes with numerous trees and power lines down.
- Choctaw: Homes, trees and power lines down.
- Desoto: Damage to some buildings, trees and power lines down.
- Holmes: Trees down.
- Issaquena: Damage to buildings, trees and power lines.
- Jasper: Homes damaged and trees down.
- Lamar: Some damage to structures.
- Lauderdale: Church damaged trees and power lines down.
- Monroe: Damages reported.
- Simpson: Trees and power lines down.
- Union: Homes damaged trees and power lines down.
- Warren: 30 homes damaged and two roads closed due to downed trees and power lines. One shelter open.
- Yazoo: Homes and businesses damaged widespread damage to trees and downed power lines.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation officials report that several highways in Yazoo and Holmes counties received major damage and trees down across several highways due to severe weather that swept across the state reports the following road closures:

- Mississippi Highway 433 is still closed and impassable to traffic. Crews are still working to clear this highway.

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- Mississippi Highway 14 in Holmes County in the Ebenezer community is now open to traffic.
- All lanes of Interstate 55 near Holmes County Park at Mile Marker 151 north of Pickens are now open to traffic at this time.

Two shelters are open to house storm victims. They are located at the following locations:

- Eagle Lake Baptist Church, 15481 Mississippi Highway 465, Vicksburg.
- L.T. Miller Center, 930 Lamar Ave., Yazoo City.

South Mississippi Task Force 1 was dispatched from McComb to Yazoo County to assist with feeding and housing first responders and National Guard who are deployed to the area.

The Mississippi State Department of Health reports boil water notices in the following storm-damaged areas:

- Hinton Heights Water Association 1 & 2, Central Yazoo Fletchers #1, Central Yazoo #2, Central Yazoo #3 Mechanicsburg, and Central Yazoo Water Station #5, all in Yazoo County.
- Simpson Water Association #1.

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