

THE TOWN OF Batesburg-Leesville

Batesburg-Leesville Officials Grateful for Support During Disaster

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Batesburg-Leesville, SC – As everyone is aware, our Town, County, and State were hit drastically by record breaking rainfall this past weekend. Batesburg-Leesville, by varying reports, received somewhere between 8 1/2 to 10 inches of rainfall between Saturday and Sunday.

While we know others are dealing with significantly more problems and will be recovering for quite some time, we should feel fortunate that things weren't any worse for our Town. There were problems in Town and many people have been affected negatively. We hope that everyone can recover with ease and find resolve to all their issues.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who worked endlessly during this disaster event to ensure the people and infrastructures of our Town were protected. Thank you to the Town employees from the Police Department, Fire Department, Street Department, and Water and Wastewater Departments for weathering the storm to keep things running smoothly. They worked tirelessly to barricade flooded roadways, cut trees from roads, and evacuate homes threatened by rushing waters, among responding to calls for service. Their hard work positively impacted the situation in ways that most often times go unnoticed. We would also like to thank the citizens, School District and businesses of Batesburg-Leesville for playing a large part to ensuring the safety and well-being of our Town. The decisions to close school and implement a curfew were crucial to ensuring everyone's safety. The citizens and businesses complied without complaint and were thankful of these tough decisions made by our leaders. Thank you again to the citizens, businesses, and Lexington County School District 3 for everything during this event.

Lastly, we would like to thank Senator Katrina Shealy, County Councilman Larry Brigham, and the Lexington County Emergency Operations staff, among many citizens that offered time and resources to the Town during the storm. Their willingness to offer assistance is truly appreciated and has not gone unrecognized.

We ask that everyone please be patient over the next couple weeks as we work hard to recover. There may be delays in limb and leaf pickup due to the amount of fallen trees and limbs and condition of our landfill. Our crews will be working hard to get all piles collected as quickly as possible.

Thank you again to everyone!

Ted Luckadoo, Town Manager

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