

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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Storm Updates

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ - Last evening, the Borough experienced its second significant weather event in less than two weeks. The first storm brought heavy wind damage, and last night's storm resulted in flash flooding that caused widespread personal property damage.

South Plainfield's Police, Fire, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and Department of Public Works (DPW) responded swiftly, conducting nearly 50 water rescues for stranded motorists. Those rescued were brought to staging areas at the Rescue Squad building and the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. I want to sincerely thank all who took part in these courageous efforts, as well as the Rescue Squad and Holiday Inn for opening their doors to help those in need.

Thankfully, I'm relieved to report that there were no fatalities or injuries in South Plainfield. However, my thoughts and prayers are with our neighbors in Plainfield who tragically suffered a loss of life, and with all residents and commuters in South Plainfield who experienced significant damage.

Cleanup efforts continue across the Borough. Tree and branch debris pickup is underway, and we are now asking residents who experienced basement flooding to bring damaged household items to the curb and call the Department of Public Works at 908-755-2187 to schedule a pickup. Our DPW team has been working tirelessly since July 3, and I want to recognize their outstanding dedication—along with our Police, Fire, and OEM—for their flawless response last night in ensuring public safety.

To recap:

- Tree and brush pickups are ongoing
- Flood-damaged household items should be placed at the curb
- Call DPW at 908-755-2187 to schedule a flood debris pickup

Thank you to everyone who continues to help South Plainfield recover. Your resilience and teamwork are what make this community strong.