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Weekend Storm Recap

Public Works crews worked throughout the weekend cleaning up following Saturday's extremely heavy rain. More than 3.5 inches of rain fell on the Village in under an hour Saturday evening, followed by another 1.5 inches later that night.

The rain caused several roads to flood, toppled trees and resulted in some loss of electrical service. The Police Department and Public Works staff managed more than 100 calls for assistance and worked to address flooding throughout the Village Saturday night. Crews returned Sunday to clear debris and clear drainage areas to keep water flowing into local creeks and reservoirs. Staff maintained contact with ComEd representatives throughout the weekend to expedite power restoration. More than 500 homes lost power during the storm, with 435 having their power restored before midnight, and the remainder by Sunday afternoon.

A series of storm water reservoirs along the West and Middle Forks of the North Branch of the Chicago River protect the Village from creeks flooding. The reservoirs are typically empty and they begin to fill when the height of the river reaches a certain elevation, as determined by engineering studies. The river water spills over a fixed weir into the reservoir where it is stored until the height of the river goes down. The reservoir water is then pumped back into the creek. Neither of these creeks are controlled by gates or locks. They flow simply by gravity through the region. The height of the water in the creeks is controlled by the amount and intensity of the rainfall. Residents with specific questions regarding flooding should contact the Public Works Engineering Division at 847-317-2490.

If residents have large items for refuse collection, they are advised to contact Waste Management at 800-796-9696 to determine if a special pickup is required.

Residents are asked to update their contact information with the Village's emergency notification system at <https://il-deerfield.civicready.com/Subscriptions>.

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