



## Travis County Services

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### Travis County responds to flooding

Travis County is responding to the flooding caused by heavy rain overnight and this morning. The Travis County Office of Emergency Management is monitoring the response and current weather conditions. The Sheriff's Office and Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) are monitoring low-water crossings and placing barricades as needed. TNR is also repairing roads and removing debris.

The Sheriff's Office is also searching for two people who are missing from a flooded roadway in southeast Travis County at FM 812 and SH 130. At 1 a.m. on May 27, a caller to Travis County Dispatch reported seeing a person surrounded by floodwaters and hanging onto a pole. The caller said the person and a pickup-truck were swept away by the water, and there may have been other people in the vehicle. The Austin Fire Department is assisting in the search, using unmanned aerial vehicles.

**STAR Flight** rescued nine people and two dogs in southeast Travis County, hoisting some people from their vehicles. They also rescued residents in Plover Place from the roofs of two homes. Other local agencies also responded and performed rescues throughout the City and County.

Dry Creek is in flood stage. At approximately 1 a.m., Thoroughbred Farms residents were asked to evacuate to higher ground. A shelter was opened, but there were no guests. ESD11 helped several citizens to evacuate their homes along Tucker Hill Lane and River Road. As of 8:30 a.m., ESD11 reported the water began to recede rapidly and evacuations had ceased. The Travis County Fire Marshal's Office and other officials have begun preliminary damage assessments, but no numbers of damaged properties are currently available.

There are numerous roadway closures reported on [www.atxfloods.com](http://www.atxfloods.com). With additional rain expected today, please encourage the public to monitor local weather forecasts; and turn around, don't drown.

Continue to monitor Travis County social media for situation updates. A brief media update will be distributed to media at 4 p.m.

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