



TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM CHANTAL: JULY 7, 2025

On July 6, Tropical Storm Chantal brought 8 to 10 inches of rain to Southern Pines in just a few hours. Unlike typical storms, Chantal stalled directly over our area, resulting in intense, highly localized rainfall. A local meteorologist estimated that the storm dropped nearly half a billion gallons of water—enough to fill more than 750 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Preliminary assessments classify this as a 500- to 1,000-year flood event, meaning the storm’s severity far exceeded the design limits of most natural and built stormwater systems. Southern Pines has not experienced flooding of this magnitude since Hurricane Fran nearly 30 years ago.

Town staff responded immediately and continues to work with partners to assess, prioritize, and repair damaged areas. Current conditions as of late afternoon on July 7 are as follows:

- **Drinking Water:** All water provided by the Town remains safe to drink and use. Our systems remained fully operational throughout the storm, and the Water Treatment Plant has completed all required testing to ensure water quality. One water line failed on the property of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC on Sandy Ave., where a line collapsed following severe parking lot damage. Town crews repaired the break and restored service by early Monday afternoon.
- **Sanitary Sewer:** As of Sunday evening and Monday morning, five sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) have been identified as a result of the storm. All are being addressed per state and federal protocols, including cleanup, sampling, and reporting.
 - Moore County system (2 SSOs): Midland Rd. near US-1 (road collapse) and near 255 Central Dr.
 - Town of Southern Pines system (3 SSOs): Lift station on Hwy 22 at Nick’s Creek and two sites associated with dam failures on Yadkin Rd. and at Longleaf Country Club.
- **Parks, Trails & Outdoor Facilities:** The Parks & Grounds team has completed damage assessments.
 - Closed: All trails and greenways, and Martin Dog Park, due to extensive flood damage. These will remain closed until repairs are complete.
 - Open: The Town swimming pool, parks, and playgrounds reopened Monday, July 7.
- **Street Closures – Longleaf Community:** A dam failure at the Longleaf golf course caused widespread flooding and road damage. Town crews began repairs Monday, and some affected streets are expected to reopen by late Monday or early Tuesday. The Town’s well-connected street network ensured continued residential access throughout the closure.

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“Tropical Storm Chantal brought an extraordinary amount of rainfall in a very short time,” stated Mayor Taylor Clement. “This was one of the most intense weather events Moore County has seen and we were fortunate that our first responders were quick to address our residents safety. Right now, the Town is focused on reopening roads, assessing and repairing damage, and supporting affected residents and businesses as quickly and safely as possible.

I’m proud of the professionalism and dedication shown by our staff, and I’m equally proud of our community’s resilience. We are deeply grateful to our regional and state partners whose support has been essential in the early stages of our recovery and as they continue to address local damage. Our current priority is to stay focused on the work ahead—responding efficiently, restoring infrastructure, and helping Southern Pines recover. Please stay safe and reach out if help is needed.”

The Town has created a dedicated webpage to share updates related to Tropical Storm Chantal. This page include road closures, facility updates, recovery resources, and other important information as it becomes available. This page is available at sopinesnc.info/Chantal

The North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NCVOAD) is offering free assistance with storm cleanup, including removal of fallen trees, debris, and sediment, as well as providing tarps for damaged areas. To request help, call 910-218-1569 or visit crisiscleanup.org. While all services are free, availability is not guaranteed due to high demand. The hotline will remain open through Friday, July 18. This information is provided by the NC Division of Emergency Management, a trusted source. We will continue to share additional resources as they become available.

We will also continue to provide updates on on our social media channels. Follow us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofsouthernpines.