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## **Knox Co. crews continue clearing roads following storms**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Knox County Engineering & Public Works crews are hard at work trying to clear roads blocked by downed trees following Tuesday night's violent storms.

"Last night was a long night for our public works crews, and they're going to continue working today to make sure that Knox County's roads are safe. I appreciate the hard work that they do for Knox County," County Mayor Tim Burchett said. "Roads are one thing, but homes are another. Many of our neighbors are suffering from extensive storm damage, and, as neighbors, we should help where we can and also keep those families in our prayers."

Here is an update on the status of roads and facilities in Knox County:

### **Roads:**

There are 22 roads currently closed because trees are down into power lines. Our Engineering & Public Works crews will be able to clear that debris once KUB confirms that the power to those downed lines is off. In all, EPW highway crews received about 125 calls about blocked roads, and the crews discovered several more road blockages while responding to those calls.

The following roads are currently closed due to intertwined trees and power lines:

Mill Road	Rosebud Road
Bud Hawkins Road	Pleasant Hill Road
Babelay Road	Ruggles Ferry Pike
Harris Road	Hammer Road
Shipe Road	Bunker Hill Road
Clear Springs Road	Burnette Creek Road
Grove Road	Duncan Road
Idumea Road	Mynatt Road
Edmondson Road	Rifle Range Road
Jim Wolfe Road	Crippen Road
Drinnen Road	Beaver Brook

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**Libraries:**

There is no immediately apparent damage to facilities.

The Sequoyah, Bearden and North Knoxville branch libraries are currently closed because there is no power to those facilities. They will remain closed until power is restored. It's not clear when that will be.

**Senior Centers:**

There is no immediately apparent damage to facilities.

Cable and internet service is currently out at the Halls Senior Center.

**Parks & Recreation:**

There are downed trees in parks in north and west Knox County.

**Health Department:**

Operating as usual, no power outages or facilities damaged.

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